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PARIS, Jan. 9.—M. OLLIVIER, in his address to the Magistracy yesterday, said: "I will maintain intact the dignity of the Magistracy, and above all will keep justice clear from politics, so that decisions will have all the more weight."....M. BUFFET, Minister of the Finances, replying to an address from the great financial societies, declared that they must conform strictly to their statutes to avoid such misfortunes as that of the *Crédit Mobilier*. He informed them that the Ministry of France would not keep up relations, as heretofore, with the great financiers....In the Corps to-morrow, Deputy CREMIEUXIX will propose that LEDRU ROLLIN and THIAILIE be not excluded from the benefit of the amnesty recently granted to political offenders....In addition to the project for a reduction of the army contingent, the Ministry will propose to-morrow in the Chamber to abolish the law of *sûreté générale*. At the same time an explanation of the interior and exterior policy of the Empire will be given.... The Ministry have decided that Algeria shall be represented in the Corps Legislatif by four Deputies....Permission has been accorded for the sale of all journals in the streets. All foreign journals will hereafter be distributed without examination by the Bureau of Censorship....The resignation of M. PIETRI, Prefect of the Police, has not yet been officially announced, but it is certain that he will soon be superseded.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—The trial of the editors of the *Reppel* (irreconcilable newspaper) for a violation of the law relating to the public Press, has been brought to an end. CHARLES HUGO and FELIX PYAT, the chief editors, were sentenced to four months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 1,000 francs each. The latter gentleman was also sentenced additionally to four months' imprisonment and 1,000 francs fine for having distributed among the soldiers in the barracks an article calculated to foment insurrection....Prime Minister OLLIVIER recently petitioned the Emperor for the pardon of the miners who had been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment for participation in the riots at Aubin some time ago. The Emperor has complied, and to-day the prisoners were set at liberty.....It is announced to-day on the best authority that the French Ambassadors at London and Berlin have resigned.....It is reported to-day that the Ministry will propose a reduction in the contingent force of from 15,000 to 100,000 men....M. OLLIVIER to-day received the Magistracy of Paris in a body.... Yesterday there was an important reunion of the Ministers at the Ministry of Justice, and there was still another meeting to-day under the Presidency of the Emperor....It is said that a circular will be sent by the new Minister of the Interior to the Prefects of all the Departments, making known the policy of the Government. The documents, it is further said, are very liberal in tone.

The Ecumenical Council—The Proposed Dogma of Infallibility—Vermeulen of a Spanish Ministry—Trades' Riot in England.

ROME, Jan. 8, via PARIS, Jan. 9.—At the session of the Council to-day, notice was given of his nomination of Cardinal BILLARDI as President of the Committee on Religious Orders.... The Committee on Dogmas has commenced its sittings. Several ultra-Roman Fathers have signed their names to a petition to the POPE, praying his Holiness to present to the Council an opportunity for declaring the dogma of infallibility. It is evidently their design to force even the Holy Father into this precipitate policy, as they are doubtful of obtaining a sufficient number of adhesions to their party, unless he publicly commits himself in favor of the dogma. The reports that the Pope will allow no discussion of the question of infallibility in the Council unless he be sure of the result, is confirmed. He receives such petitions as the above, but simply as expressions of homage to the Holy See.

MADRID, Jan. 9.—The Ministerial crisis has terminated. Señor RIVASO, President of the Cortes, has accepted the Ministry of the Interior, Admiral TORETS that of the Marine, and Señor SAGASTA the Department of State.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—A trades' union riot occurred at the Thorncliffe Collieries, near Sheffield, yesterday. Much excitement prevails in Sheffield and the surrounding country.

ENGLISH AFFAIRS.

New Bishops—Father Ignatius—News from Rome—A Theoretical Event—The Rural Districts—Evils of Cider—Amusements of the Aristocracy—Woman.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 27.

DR. TEMPLE and two other Bishops were consecrated at Westminster Abbey on the appointed day. Nine Bishops protested against the act of consecration. One of the protests was read by the Bishop of London, who acted for the Archbishop of Canterbury, but he decided that he was only the instrument of the higher power of the Crown, and he had no choice but to obey. Here the Crown—that is, Mr. GLADSTONE—places over one of the largest sees of England a man against whom half the Bench of Bishops protests, and whom two-thirds of the clergy and only of his own diocese but of all England would reject. And they talk about Papal despotism! Pope or Prime Minister, what makes the odds, when you have placed over you a Bishop you believe to be a heretic? And this sort of usurpation and despotism, so far beyond anything Papal, pervades the whole Anglican establishment. A lay patron, of any or no religious persuasion, a Jew or Infidel, appoints the rector or vicar of a parish. A High Church congregation is put under an Evangelical, and a set of Puritans are horrified to find themselves suddenly placed in the ghostly guardianship of a Ritualist, who expects them to go to confession before, and not to breakfast until after, communion.

The *Record* asserts that Bishop WILBERFORCE, late of Oxford, now of Winchester, "twice refused to be one of the consecrating Bishops although importuned by Mr. GLADSTONE," who should have asked him before he appointed him to his new see.

The Black country is just now fuller than usual of the odium theologicum. Rev. Mr. BODY who so highly distinguished himself as a preacher at the twelve days' Mission in London, on his return to his own parish in Wolverhampton, proposed to give a lecture on the work and success of the Mission. But the Protestant Party was determined that he should not be heard, and going to the lecture silenced him with cries about blessed candles, confessionals, incense, popery, and much noise and confusion. The Ritualist clergy proposed to hold a similar Mission to the London one in the Black country where religious and civilizing influences are much needed, but there is a violent opposition which breaks out in much abuse and hard language. One clergyman writes to the papers to denounce all sorts of revivals and revival preaching, declaring that the leading revivalists are the most immoral rascals he knows of. The *Church Times* tries to account for the violence of the Evangelical section by its continual losses.

"Day by day," it says, "the ranks are thinned in four directions. The hated Ritualists carry off large numbers of the young, who, after being trained from infancy in the straightest sect of Puritanism, and in ignorance or hate of ceremonial doings, find the air around them full of the interdicted thing, and troop in crowds to mass and confession without having ever been solicited for the purpose, or having so much as interchanged a word with a Tractarian, lay or clerical. The moderate High Church party, once so intensely opposed, by Exeter Hall as the Catholics are now, has a strong attraction for another swarm from the Puritan hive. A third exodus goes off into Broad Churchmanship of one type or other, generally a rather lax variety, and a fourth, by no means inconsiderable, urges its blank inability. It would need a much more powerful constitution and much greater numbers than the Evangelical Party have ever possessed to bear this continuous and fourfold drain, with no corresponding accretion from any quarter as a set-off. And, as a fact, the drain is killing it, quickly and mercifully, before our very eyes."

FATHER IGNATIUS.

The Anglican Benedictine, Father IGNATIUS, preaches on Sunday nights at a music hall in Stow-street. He gave it as his opinion last Sunday night that if some of the martyred saints were to new appear in London and look for the religion in defence of which they shed their blood, they would find very little of it. "Where," he asked, "is the Christian humility professed by so many?" He had invited his hearers to come up on the platform and wash the feet of a beggar, or go and sweep a street crossing, but not a soul had accepted his invitation. No; our sweet Christian ladies do much better. They dress themselves divinely and keep stalls at charity fairs. They drive down to the toy shops in Regent-street, and buy whole armfuls of nice toys, which they carry to the Children's Hospital in Great Ormond-street. They do a hundred pretty and becoming things sweetly and gracefully, which must be much better than washing the dirty feet of beggars or sweeping the dreadful crossings of the London streets. There was a Father IGNATIUS in England a few years ago, known in the world as Hon. GEORGE SPENCER, who gave up rank and wealth to labor for the poor. There was no mistake in his humility—and his wit and fun were nearly equal to his devotion. Some of his great relations came to visit him once in his monastery, and were conducted to the kitchen, where he was engaged in picking a chicken. He welcomed them most cordially, but finished his work. Lord SPENCER met him with a carriage at a railway station when he came to visit his family once, and to his disgust saw him alight from a third-class carriage. "Oh! GEORGE," said he; "why will you ride third class?" "Because there is no fourth class," was the good-natured answer.

NEWS FROM ROME.

We continue to have immense quantities of letters from Rome. The descriptive portions are very good; the speculations on what might, could, would, or should be, are not in the least trustworthy, and not very amusing; but they supply a demand. One tells us that Rome is the dirtiest place in the world, which seems a pity when we remember some other places. One admits that a review of the Papal army was the most magnificent military spectacle he ever looked upon. The processions of the assembled Bishops are also as spectacles magnificent. The *Times* correspondent says:

"I could not tell you the varieties of hue, chiefly, of course, combinations of red and blue. Most of the vestments were new. All had white lace. You see it in the pictures of Cardinal WOLSEY. The ladies with me said the lace was beautiful. There were some remarkably splendid vestments, which I have since been told were those of the North American Bishops. There were some covered with pictures of saints, embroidered in panels. Some had crimson or violet capes; some cattane; some a kind of wall, black or white; some actually a sort of tiara. Some had long black beards; some snowy white. Most of them carried a large quarto rolled up in their hands."

Of a procession the correspondent of the *Standard* writes:

"The Papal choir led the way. Then came a number of consistorial advocates, followed by the chamberlains of the Court, public and private. In their wake, robed in heavy copes of white and gold, came, two and two, a long array of Bishops, Abbots, Archbishops and Patriarchs from all quarters of the globe. I began by counting them, but I found the task too tedious, and moreover, it distracted my attention from their features and costumes. Less than 400 there could not well be, all counted; and it is possible that they were more numerous still. Twenty-five minutes was the time it took for them to pass along. The splendor of their robes defies description—the bitter more in the shape of the Pope's own tiara—by some of the Oriental Prelates and Abbots, is beyond all description; and the appearance even of their chaplains cast into the shade that of any European Bishop. Nor must it be supposed that they are Europeans sent to do duty among the heathen. Their features, complexion and bearing all stamped them of the true Oriental type. With happy foresight, and perhaps with a view to mark that the Church knows no distinction of race, land or tongue, these sort ponti Orientalis were not placed together, but were set up upon one with their dazzling robes at due intervals. I am bound to say that, taking the Roman Catholic Episcopate in their entirety as I saw them this morning, they form a handsome, impressive body of men, and the number of them who are in the full vigor of life is remarkable. There was no more noticeable countenance among them all than that of him who was once an Archdeacon, honored and believed in the Anglican Communion, and is now a shining light in the Roman Catholic Church, and Archdeacon of the important See of Westminster. I looked for his spare form and keen ascetic face, and at last I saw it coming up the nave. Side by side with Dr. MANNING walked Monseigneur DE MERODE; and as I saw these two ardent, uncompromising militant Prelates together, I thought that they were well bracketed. When Dr. MANNING had passed, I knew that there would be but few more Archbishops to follow—for a high place of honor is always assigned him at Rome, and at Rome who comes last is first in estimation. I proved right in my speculations, for close at his heels came the College of Cardinals. The youngest, and perhaps the most noticeable among them all, was Cardinal BOREAU, whose face has lost to an all-potent Conscript. Scarcely had the eye fallen on the unmistakable figure of ANTONELLI than the front rank of the dense crowd dropped on its knees—the hindmost ranks could not, they were so closely packed, for PIUS IX., his face radiant with supreme happiness, was dealing right and left his Pontifical blessing."

Not willing to be outdone, the correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* gives a vivid account of the opening of the Council:

"His Holiness looked exceedingly well and happy; his voice was as clear and tuneful as when I last heard it (two years ago); and he had decidedly grown stouter within the same period. As soon as his short task had terminated, he moved towards the hall, stepping slowly but firmly along, with folded hands, and casting a glance or two on the bystanders nearest to him. Nothing fatigued I cannot say of what rank—here up has magnificent vestments, and the triple crown was carried on a velvet cushion before him. Meanwhile, the Bishops had been ranging themselves along the green benches of the Council Chamber; and, when His Holiness mounted the dais and sate down in the Papal throne, they also resumed their seats. Preliminary prayer was then offered up by a Cardinal, the Pope rising and kneeling, being crowned and uncrowned, alternately, for a few minutes, after which he appeared to take definitive possession of his throne, and gave the signal that the prelates should be covered by pontiffs on his tiara. Sashing with costly gaze. This moment afforded the most striking spectacle of the whole ceremony; as if by a word of command, the 400 occupants of the Council benches put on their snow-white linen mitres, and, folding their hands, sat back in their luxurious stalls. They looked like rows of enormous white flowers, planted in curved beds of velvety green moss. Nothing could be more chaste and charming than the tableau presented by the Council at this hour of its opening session."

The English Government, as the first naval Power in the world, has no sooner begun the construction of the strongest war steamers yet built, than an Austrian naval officer, with the aid of an English engineer, has made a swimming torpedo which renders them of no more value than an old-fashioned frigate. This torpedo is shaped like a sword fish, is propelled with great swiftness under water by compressed air, either in strait lines or curves, and, charged with dynamite or nitro-glycerine, shatters every vessel with which it comes in contact. There is a rumor of general disarmament. A few inventions of this sort will make any effective armaments impossible. We need only a good flying machine, to destroy fortifications on shore, and all war is ended. Science conquers the world.

THEATRICAL EVENT.

CHARLES MATHEWS, the comedian—one can hardly speak of such an airy juvenile as a veteran—is going to Australia with his Yankee wife, and is to have a very grand complimentary farewell benefit at the Covent Garden Italian Opera House on the 4th of January, 1870, at which everything is to be performed by everybody best worth seeing in London. For example, at 1 o'clock a scene from "The Willow Copse," by Mr. WEBSTER and the Adelphi company; a scene from "School," Miss MARIA WILTON and the Prince of Wales company; scene from "Lady of Lyons," Mr. BARRY SULLIVAN and Holborn company; scene from "Not Such a Fool as He Seems," J. R. BYRNE and new Queen's company; scene from "The House On the Bridge," Miss GELSETH; scene from "The Toodles," Mr. J. S. CLARKE and Strand company; the second act of "The Critic," with Mr. CHARLES MATHEWS as Puff, supported by all the leading comedians in London; parting speech by Mr. MATHEWS; "Jenny Lind at Last," Mrs. JOHN WOOD and St. James company; "Flying Dutchman," Miss OLIVER and new Royalty company. This is merely to make your ears itch and your mouth water, and to give you a realizing sense of what can be gathered together on a dull afternoon in London.

THE RURAL DISTRICTS.

The reports issued from time to time of the condition of the laboring population in the rural districts give curious glimpses of English country life, some very pretty ones, some not. Within two miles of Evesham, a lovely town in Worcestershire, there are three thousand acres of gardens devoted chiefly to the cultivation of currants and gooseberries; and the picking of these berries employs for a time men, women and children, much as the vinters do in the sunnier climes across the channel. Each basket gives a little metal token to the picker, and these he can exchange for cash at pleasure, so there are no accounts. There are huts to shelter the hands in wet weather, and a plentiful supply of tea. A family of four persons will earn about 6s. a day. In the busiest times they pick seven or seven and a half tons of currants a day, besides the gooseberries, employing 300 women and children to pick, with men to carry off the heavy baskets. Men are too clumsy to pick, and do not like it. The annual hop picking in Worcestershire is a saturnalia of labor, as in Kent. Men and women, boys and girls come from the black country towns, as their betters go to the seaside, for an outing, and they camp in barns and sheds in a pretty promiscuous fashion, with romping and roystering, and such language and manners as are not taught in Sunday Schools. A clergyman says:

"The farmers do not, perhaps cannot, make adequate provision for housing this accidental supply of labor. Barns and outhouses are converted into temporary and very promiscuous sleeping rooms. The hop crop is the crop of many rickety, and unhealthy a few local fanciers may pursue their work decently and quietly, generally a parish catches the fever, and everything is upset for the three or four weeks during which the work of picking lasts. The whole family ordinarily goes into the hop garden. If a sick child be left, it must be left for days, and little fingers can pick something, and fingers too small to pick are too small to be left at home, and the home is left too early to send them to school. Every kind of ill finds a very strong forcing house in the hop gardens, among which I should place as not the least the callouses to those ills begotten or indurated thereby in the mind of the employer."

EVILS OF CIDER.

The special evil of this beautiful part of England is its orchards. In May, all Worcestershire and Herefordshire is one garden of apple blossoms. Seen from the summits of the Malvern Hills the whole landscape for twenty miles around is one glory of rosy bloom, and the air all one sweetest odor. But see what comes of it. The apple was the bane of Eden; in this Eden of England they make cider of it, and get fuddled on that. The Report of the Commissioners says:

"'At Bromsford cider is given to laborers all the year round, two or three quarts in Winter, sometimes as much as six in Summer.' In haytime and harvest the supply is unlimited, and 'they usually drink five or six quarts a day then. This is certainly a fair allowance,' but H. Dunkwater, of Hanley Castle, is known a man cutting beans drink sixteen quarts a day! Men, women and boys all alike indulge in the seductive beverage. A woman's allowance is one quart in Winter and two in Summer, and boys begin with one quart a day. 'Children are kept out of the cider by DRINKWATER, before they are young, and prevents them from obtaining many comforts which they might procure if they had the value of their drink in money.' In Madresfield, according to Rev. Mr. MUNN, 'the men, even during the harvest, get drunk by the middle of the day, so much so that they lose half and half a day's work;' and the same complaint is made in other districts of the county. The results of this excessive indulgence, whether on the mental or physical constitution, are deplorable. Rev. Mr. MELVILLE testifies that 'the most of important details of mischief and character in the normal state of habitual cider-drinkers. Think,' he continues, 'of a very cheap thin beverage, provoking thirst it seems to allay, not thoroughly stupefying or intoxicating till gallons on gallons are consumed, but working effects mental and physical of which its own washy and cheerless character seems so typical, and say one can see at once what an instrument of degradation it must be.' Hitherto attempts to induce a laborer to take the value of his allowance of drink in money has failed, sometimes because the man is afraid of offending his fellow laborers, but oftener because he prefers the cider to the money. 'If,' says Rev. Mr. MELVILLE, 'one of the great difficulties in solving the educational, social, and economic problems of agricultural labor consists in the hopeless circle within which the conditions of these problems return upon themselves, a circle of drinking the first presents that difficulty to meet formed in Herefordshire, I know of no gentleman elsewhere properly that where cider is the local beverage the chance of ameliorating the condition of the laborer through the operation of natural laws 'seems well nigh desperate.'

I am inclined to think that the ancestors of some people I used to know in New-England must have emigrated from Worcestershire.

In France, Spain and Italy wine is as plentiful as cider in any part of England, and beer everywhere; but I see no such complaints about it. There is a large increase in the import of the lighter wines into England—French, German and Hungarian,—but their consumption does not reach the lower classes, and the proportion of wine to other liquors is not a large one.

"Out of 120 pints of strong drink consumed per head per annum in England, only four are wine. In France, out of 216 per head per annum, no less than 112 are wine—the difference in each case being made up of beer and spirits."

Cider, or cyder, as it is spelled here, seems to be of no account in these statistics.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE ARISTOCRACY.

Two of our youthful nobility have been distinguishing themselves this week. Lord ALBERT PELHAM CLINTON has won a wager of £50 by walking ten miles in two hours, in the presence of a select circle of friends, at Hackney Wick. The *Court Journal* admits that he had "no pretensions to style, his feet coming down flat and heavily at every stride," but he walked the distance within three minutes of the prescribed time. "Loud cheers greeted the pedestrian at the termination of the feat, which was accomplished solely by great gameness."

Lord WILLIAM BERESFORD, of the Ninth Lancers, a brother of the Marquis of WATERFORD, has been before the Wandsworth Police Court, and fined £5 for getting into a row at a bar house at midnight, frightening the company and assaulting a policeman; but this sort of thing runs in the family.

WOMAN.

I am much interested in the reports of the debates at the female suffrage meetings in New-York, but our fair country women cannot easily get ahead of Englishwomen either in freedom of discussion or energy of action.

It is announced by the *Medical Circular* that an association of ladies has been formed to oppose the extension of the Contagious Diseases act (1866) to the civil population. Miss H. MARTINEAU and Miss FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE are members of the association, and strongly disapprove of the extension of the act. It was thought that this matter might be quietly got through, chiefly by the doctors, without much being said about it in Parliament or by the Press; but the ladies will not have it so. They have taken the alarm, and raised a strong opposition, expressing their opinions, or rather their feelings of indignation, in no measured terms—in such terms, indeed, as I can only in this vague way allude to. But an opposition, led by Miss HARRIET MARTINEAU and Miss FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, is likely to be strongly supported, and cannot easily be overcome. Perhaps a general excitement and discussion on this matter of social evil has been in some measure prepared for by the Byron scandal; and it may be that all the old-fashioned—and not so very old, either—British squeamishness is to be laid aside, and all subjects are to be discussed, as the only way to the needed reforms.

THE WELSH FASTING GIRL.

In the case of the Welsh fasting girl, who died in the cave and under the eyes of the doctors and four nurses from Guy's Hospital, an inquest has been held, and the verdict returned that she was starved to death by the negligence of her father in not inducing her to take food. The father was accordingly charged with the crime of manslaughter, but admitted to bail; but as the girl was at the time of her death entirely in the hands of the doctors and nurses, the general opinion is that they are answerable.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Canon CHARLES KINGSLEY has sailed away to the West Indies, and when he returns in the Spring, he will tell us in *Good Words* what he thinks of them—of the independence of Cuba, if he can find it, the freedom of Hayti, and the prosperity of Jamaica; and a living and delightful book he is sure to give us, whatever he finds or fails to find in his tropical holiday; and so I wish him a merry Christmas, and one happy return; and to all my readers I send all good wishes and compliments of the season unlimited.

MONADNOCK.

AFFAIRS IN SPAIN.

Reorganization of the Republican Party—Interesting Debates in the Cortes—Interpellations to the Ministry—The New Law on Civil Marriage—The Question of the Crown Jewels—Cuban Matters.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADRID, Monday, Dec. 20, 1869.

The Republican Party is in a fair way of reorganization. They have again established their clubs and their central administration, from which are sent instructions to the capitals of provinces, whilst the committees at the latter direct the movements of the districts, and are in constant communication with every hamlet and village. Persevering and indefatigable in their propaganda, they have understood that the division between military and federative Republicans would make them lose ground; this difference has disappeared, and a general rising may be expected on the very day when a monarch, no matter who he be, comes to don the insignia of a Spanish Sovereign. Señor CASTELLAR's protest, in the name of his party, against the criminal acts committed at Walls and Utrera, has produced an excellent effect. If Señors FIGUEROS, CASTELAR, SORNI and GARCIA LOPEZ enjoy sufficient influence to restrain the impatience of the Republican Party so as to induce them to seek for the triumph of their ideas only by means legal and pacific, by persuasion, by the education of the people, the masses in all the provinces will join their cause in the end. Spain, though far behind on the subject of national education, (by reason of the indolent disposition of the people,) commences to understand the necessity of a measure tending to enlighten the minds of the masses so as to come up with modern civilization and progress.

The Carlists are not losing any time. They are also completing their organizations. The Monarchists without a monarch will have to wait a long time yet before a head is found to wear the Spanish crown, plentifully studded as it is with thorns in the absence of jewels. General PRIM is in a very precarious position. The majority of the Progressists indulge in the hope that some pretext or other will be found to use energetic measures and bring affairs to a satisfactory issue; but there are four parties ready to rise against the fifth, which latter could triumph, not by the consent of the Chamber and the country, but only by success of arms.

INTERESTING DEBATES IN THE CORTES.

The Republican Deputies fought a last battle against the Ministry before the adjournment of the Cortes. Several interpellations were addressed to the Minister of the Interior at the opening of the last sitting on the subject of the dismissal of Republican municipal authorities and the substitution for them of persons chosen by the Minister of the Interior, this manner of procedure being contrary to the law stipulating that Mayors and municipal councilors shall be elected by universal suffrage. The Minister replied that the Government would not allow any of the municipal officers dismissed by the military authorities on account of direct or indirect participation in the federative insurrection to reocupy their offices, but that new municipal authorities should be chosen before the elections of December in January next. It stands to reason that on the eve of the elections of forty-five or fifty Deputies, whose support is indispensable for the success of the Italian candidature, the Government should be opposed to the election by universal suffrage of the municipal authorities who might support the cause of the Republicans, and thus aid in sending Republican Deputies to the Cortes. The Republican municipal authorities at Cadiz, Malaga and Seville have been replaced by others of a monarchical tendency. Señor SAGASTA also replied to another interpellation relating to the disarming of the National Guard in the cities where the federative insurrection occurred. He said that the Government would never give them back their guns, as they had used them in rebellion against the authorities and the decisions of the Cortes.

THE MONARCHICAL CLAUSE IN THE CONSTITUTION.

Señor GARCIA RUIZ, Unitary Republican, has presented to the Cortes a petition, signed by 1,800 Republicans of Old Castile, asking for a revision by the Chamber of article 33 of the Constitution of 1869, which stipulates that monarchy shall be the form of the Spanish Government.

DISPARAGEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

On Saturday last, Señor CASTELAR questioned the Ministry on the subject of their home and foreign policy. Señor SAGASTA, Minister of the Interior, replied to him, and the Republican orator profited by the opportunity to occupy the attention of the House with a long speech against the Ministry and in defiance of the attitude and acts of the Republicans during the late insurrection. He quoted Roman history to prove that insurgents at all times had committed excesses, but he asserted that if the conduct of the insurgents in October last had been illegal, the Government was by far the more guilty, as it had used the authority given to it by law in an illegal manner; he cited, especially, the suspension of dismissal of the municipal authorities. He said that if the Cortes sanctioned such excesses, they would lose their prerogatives and their dignity. He then spoke against the Italian candidature, saying that Spain did not wish for a monarch, and will lose for the present "anarchy of interior." He concluded by expressing his desire for a republic, be it unitary or federative, and said that this was the form of government necessary for the prosperity of the country.

General PRIM replied to the eloquent tirades of the Republican Party, saying that the Government, according to the letter of the Constitution, desired the monarchy, and that he had found a candidate who was looked upon favorably by the majority of the House, namely, the Duke of GENOA. This assertion excited laughter in the Cortes. The General declared, further, that he hoped soon to see a king ruling Spain, in spite of the ill-will of Señor CASTELAR and his friends; and that Spain was not the only country where difficulties had been encountered in the constitution of a monarchical government. He would never consent to a republic.

Señor FIGUEROS then addressed the House, charging the Ministry with illegal acts committed during the state of siege. The Republican orator brought forward arguments identical with those of Señor CASTELAR, adding that the election of Deputies in January next, and that of a monarch, (if such election should happen to be successful,) would be illegal and void, if the municipalities dismissed by the Ministry were not allowed to resume their functions.

The Minister of the Interior replied, employing the usual arguments of the dictatorship and the stereotyped phrases used by most European Governments when they desire to palliate outrages committed by them on the rights of man. Extensive reference was made to the necessity of energetic action to save society from anarchy.

THE NEW LAW ON CIVIL MARRIAGE.

In a previous sitting, the Minister of the Interior had presented to the Cortes divers projects of laws that public opinion had a long time clamored for. The Minister now proposed to the Cortes the substitution of civil for religious marriage, the revision of the civil code and of the civil and criminal procedure acts, and the adoption of the right of appeal in criminal cases, which is not yet part of the law of Spain. He also promised to present to the House, in January next, a project of law relating to the registers kept by the clergy, which are thenceforth to remain in charge of the Mayors. I must not forget to tell you that the project of law on civil marriage conveys the right of matrimony to boys of 14 and girls of 12 years of age, if they have the consent of their parents or guardians. This will not surprise you when I state that girls in Andalusia are considered full grown at 10 years, and many of them are mothers at the age of 12. The Spanish Penal code makes children of 9 years of age responsible for crimes committed.

THE QUESTION OF THE CROWN JEWELS.

The question of the Crown jewels is at present the subject of an inquiry on the part of a Commission appointed by the Cortes. Señor FIGUEROLA supported his charges so vigorously that the House could not help coming to this decision. The Minister of Finance said in a previous sitting that his charges may be hard on the two ex-Queens, but that he claimed the right of using the words of MARIA CHRISTINA, who had said in a letter written by her in 1832 to Señor CALVET, the executor of FERDINAND VII.'s last will and testament, "As to the jewels, you know very well that the French have stolen them." He denied the right of a Bourbon to call a Bonaparte a thief, and he was applauded for the assertion. Encouraged by this expression of the House he said further, that this coarse appellation used by the ex-Queen mother could be employed very properly by Spaniards against MARIA CHRISTINA of Bourbon. He further declared that even admitting that the French had carried off jewels worth 22,000,000, as the partisans of the ex-Queen asserted, there remained still about 80,000,000 worth that had disappeared after the death of FERDINAND VII., together with all documents relating thereto. He said there had been found a declaration of the keeper of the Crown jewels to the effect that MARIA CHRISTINA had retained in her possession the keys of safes in which the jewels were kept. When that lady left Spain, said the Minister, the keys were found, but the cases were empty. He also called to mind that already, in 1840, a judgment of the Civil Court of Madrid had ordered MARIA CHRISTINA to return the jewels she had carried off. Señor OLOZAGA had been charged to claim them from her at the time, but she had only given back 48,000,000 worth two years afterwards to her daughter, who carried them off in her turn, so that the Spanish Crown at present is no richer by the transaction.

NIGHT ATTACKS.

Señor SALAVERRIA, ex-Minister of Finance, was attacked at 8 o'clock in the evening on Sunday, as he was going to a café, by a former General Tax Collector, Señor RIVADENEIRA, and received two dagger thrusts, one in the abdomen and one in the breast. His wounds are not mortal. The would-be assassin is in prison. A Deputy was attacked while going home by two malefactors, who, poignard in hand, ordered him to give them all the money he had about him. He gave them about $20, and reached his domicil without losing his watch, that was worth considerably more. The robbers have not yet been arrested. The director of the Variettes Theatre was also stabbed on the same evening, in his office, by three men who had bought false tickets. The authorities are on the lookout for the criminals.

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

The news brought from Cuba by the last mail is of very serious import. The negroes on fifteen large plantations in the district of Bacua in Grande had risen in rebellion, and on the 20th of November the military were shooting all who could be caught. Nobody here believes in the hopeful statements of the semi-official journals, since facts continually belie their assertions. The Spanish Treasury being perfectly exhausted, the Government can send no money to Cuba, and General CABALLERO DE RODAS has to borrow six millions of piastres from the Havana merchants to provide for the war expenses. The news that the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives would treat the Cuban question after Christmas, caused much excitement in this City.

Daring Robbery in Virginia—A Son Assists in Robbing his Father, Threatening his Mother with Death.

From the Lynchburg (Va.) News.

We learn that on the night of the 31st of December last the house of Mr. GEORGE SHEPHERD, in Russell County, was visited by three men in disguise, who demanded of Mrs. SHEPHERD that she delivers to them the money known to be in her possession. She resisted the demand for some time, and used every entreaty to induce the ruffians to leave the house, but they refused to go, and finally knocked her down, and threatened to kill her if she did not give them the money. Seeing the robbers prepare to put their threat into execution, and in order to save her life, Mrs. SHEPHERD gave up the money, about $1,000, and the scoundrels immediately left without proceeding to further violence. The money was the price of a tract of land recently sold by Mr. SHEPHERD, who was absent from home at the time of the robbery. Two of the party were recognized by Mrs. SHEPHERD, and warrants were issued for their arrest, but they had not been found at last accounts. One of these parties is Mr. SHEPHERD's own son. The names of the other two have not been reported to us.

GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

CUBA.

The Steamer "El Rayo"—Rumored Purchase of the Vessel by the Insurgents—The Situation on South Side—The Proclamation of Captain de Rodas.

HAVANA, Jan. 9.—The Spanish frigate *Gerona* will soon sail for Venezuela for the purpose of watching the steamer *El Rayo*. The *El Rayo* was formerly the *R. R. Cuyler*, and was sold by citizens of the United States to the Colombian Government. A rumor prevails that she has been sold to the Cuban insurgents. The *Gerona* will also look after Spanish interests in that quarter....The *Voz de Cuba* publishes an article on the Spanish Dictatorship, in which the writer says that the elevation of Marshal SERRANO to the position of Dictator would be unnecessary and untimely.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Administration has taken no recent action on the affairs of Cuba, nor is it known that any is contemplated. Such official, though meagre accounts, as have been received, show that both the Spaniards and the Cubans exaggerate their respective strength and positions, while the truth is represented to be that a regiment of Spanish troops can march to any town or locality, subject only to annoyances occasionally of small bodies of insurgents.... The following dispatch was yesterday received in Washington direct from Havana:

The *Gaceta*, the official organ of the Government, published on the 5th inst., an important proclamation of the Captain-General, intended to define the present situation of the island. The Captain-General congratulates the country upon its actual prosperity. "New troops and reinforcements, although not needed to suppress the insurrection, have come from Spain to fulfill its obligations towards Cuba, and to protect the island against murderers and robbers." He then refers to the threats of homicide and incendiarism made by certain bands of men, against which precautions are now being taken in garrisoning plantations with troops and civil guards to have them ready for action. Men-of-war have also been sent from Spain to Cuba with the intent to cruise along her coasts and to prevent the landing on the island of filibustering expeditions coming from outside. The Captain-General says that there was never before in the island such a state of affairs as could be considered as a state of war; but now peace has been so fully reestablished that there is no place in the island where the administration of public affairs or the action of the civil Courts is not entirely recognized.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 9.—No action has been taken by the United States Court in the case of the alleged Cuban steamer *Anna*, now in possession of the United States authorities. A motion to vacate the warrant of arrest will be made to-morrow.

BILLIARDS.

A Close Game Between Deery and Dion for San Francisco—Deery the Winner by 1,506 to 1,492.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 9.—The great billiard match between Messrs. DEERY and DION, for the champion diamond cue and $1,000, took place last night at Mechanics' Pavilion before a large audience. The excitement among billiardists for several days past showed that the game would be closely contested, and consequently but little odds were offered, although DION appeared to be the favorite. The following is the score:

DEERY.—4, 20, 7, 0, 24, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 19, 0, 20, 0, 12, 0, 0, 2, 0, 5, 0, 0, 21, 4, 30, 1, 0, 67, 12, 20, 0, 8, 10, 0, 14, 21, 10, 37, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 12, 0, 15, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 16, 0, 0, 0, 0, 120, 3, 3, 0, 0, 0, 21, 3, 20, 7, 102, 60, 0, 3, 0, 1, 0, 0, 30, 30, 3, 0, 1, 3, 0, 0, 15, 0, 45, 12, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 3, 0, 0, 177, 12. Total, 1,506.

DION.—4, 3, 0, 4, 0, 40, 8, 0, 0, 20, 4, 15, 0, 3, 40, 40, 0, 30, 27, 32, 0, 0, 1, 0, 2, 0, 3, 20, 0, 0, 6, 0, 13, 0, 21, 0, 0, 0, 0, 37, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

LECTURES ON THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH CHURCH. Parts I. and II. By ARTHUR PENRYN STANLEY, D. D., Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Oxford, and Canon of Christ Church. With Maps and Plans. New-York: CHARLES SCRIBNER & CO.

The first volume of Dean STANLEY's *History of the Jewish Church* has now been before the public nearly eight years, and meanwhile every year has added to his fame, and made him more and more a leader in the Church of England. In this country his works have been as much read as in Great Britain, and the publishers have met a decided demand in issuing a new and cheaper edition for the purpose of popularizing books which are of use and interest, not only to students and divines, but also to all who have a taste for literature or a desire for accurate acquaintance with a most important branch of history. This *History of the Jewish Church*, thus far completed, from the time of Abraham to the Captivity, is presented in the form of lectures delivered at Oxford to candidates for Holy Orders. In his previous volume of lectures upon the *History of the Eastern Church*, the author had announced the plan upon which the present volumes proceed. There he had fixed the beginning of ecclesiastical history at the call of Abraham, in this eloquent passage:

"Far in the dim distance of primeval ages is discerned the first figure in the long succession which has never since been broken—in Ur, of the Chaldees, the patriarch chief, followed by his train of slaves and retainers, surrounded by his herds of camels and asses, moving westward and southward, he knew not whither—the first Father of the universal Church—Abraham the founder of the chosen people, the father of the faithful, whose seed was to be as the sand upon the sea-shore, as the stars for multitude. Earlier manifestations there had been of faith and hope in other countries also than Mesopotamia or Palestine, there were yearnings after a higher world. But the call of Abraham is the first beginning of a continuous growth; in his character, in his migration, in his faith, was bound up, as the Christian apostle has well described, all that has since formed the substance and fibre of the history of the Church."

The history of the Jewish Church is held to be the true beginning and prototype of the Christian Church, and doubtless such a relationship exists between the two, as in a religious point of view to make their separation impossible. The vitality and power of the Christian Church is derived from the life of its founder, and his life was the culmination, the explanation, the fulfillment of the previous history of the children of Israel. From a philosophical standpoint, also, it is manifestly impossible to understand the history of religious thought in Europe and America without making due allowance for the great influence which the sacred literature of the Jews has had in moulding and modifying it.

The *History of the Jewish Church* has, however, a completeness in itself which gives it a special interest, and this point has been well understood by DEAN STANLEY. In the introductory lectures upon ecclesiastical history, already alluded to, he has said:

"So far from being exempt from the laws of gradual progress and development to which the history of other nations is subject, the history of the Jewish nation is the most remarkable exemplification of it. In no other people does the history move forward in so regular a course, through beginning, middle and end, as in the people of Israel. In none are the beginning, middle and end so clearly distinguished, each from each. In none has the beginning so natural and simple, the middle so impressive, the end so imposing as in that which is governed by the age of the Patriarchs. In none do the various stages of the history so visibly lead the way to the consummation which however truly it may be regarded as the opening of a new order, is yet no less truly the end of the old, and nowhere does the final consummation more manifestly imply an age when these seemingly break away into new forms and new life, than in the last traces of the effects of the Jewish race upon the apostolic age."

In accordance with this idea, the *History of the Jewish Church* is divided into three great periods, with appropriate subdivisions, each marked by its own specific features, and each terminated by a single catastrophe.

The First Period begins with the Exodus, though its preparatory stage reaches back into the Patriarchal age. It includes the wanderings in the wilderness, the invasion, conquest and settlement of Palestine, and ends with the destruction of the sanctuary at Shiloh and the erection of the Monarchy. This period has been generally known as the "Theocracy," on account of the nearness of the Divine Ruler to the chosen people. Dr. STANLEY objects to such a designation upon the ground that the entire Government of the Jewish nation was theocratic, and though the form was changed, yet God himself was the real ruler in the time of Moses, the Judges, the Kings, and the Prophets, alike. There is, however, a fitness in the distinction which cannot fail to commend it to many minds. The first period embraces the establishment of religion by Moses and Aaron in obedience to Divine revelations, and the founding of the Jewish Church and Commonwealth.

Among the many characters whose lives are given in this period, Abraham, Moses and Samuel rise preeminent, and their biographies form perhaps the most pleasing portions of the work. In them all the author's wealth of Biblical learning and criticism, and the fruits of personal observation in the lands of Egypt, Palestine and Syria, under the most favorable circumstances, are spread out for the instruction and delight of the reader, in a style which is ornate but not overloaded, and captivating without exaggeration.

The Second Period covers the whole history of the Monarchy, beginning with the close of the rule of the Judges, including the empire of David and Solomon, then following each branch of the divided kingdom, until the overthrow of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Chaldean armies brings the closing catastrophe. Through this period the Jewish Church and religion is developed, the prophetic order rises into prominence and influence, and the Tribe of Judah becomes great and powerful. The Third Period, from the exile and return to the final destruction of Jerusalem and the extinction of national independence in the time of Hadrian, has not yet been published.

This history is not written in blind subservience to the canonical books of Scripture, and to liberal and catholic readers this will be the great charm of the work. It aims not to support a system or sustain a creed, but to reproduce the life of a wonderful people with all the detail with which it is capable. It aims, in Dr. STANLEY's words, to

"Recall Abraham resting under the oak of Mamre; Joseph amidst the Egyptian monuments; Moses under the cliffs of Horeb; Joshua brandishing his outstretched spear; Samuel amidst his youthful scholars; David surrounded by his court and camp; Solomon in his Eastern state; the wild, romantic, solitary figure of the great Elijah; the goodly fellowship of gifted seers lifting up their strains of joy or sorrow, like some great tragic chorus, as kingdoms after kingdom falls to ruin, as hope after hope dies and is revived again; to represent in all their distinctness the several stages of the history, in its steady onward advance from Egypt to Sinai, from Sinai to the Jordan, from the Jordan to Jerusalem, from the law to the Judges, from the Judges to the Monarchy, from the Monarchy to the Prophets, and from the Prophets to the great event to which not the Prophets only, but the yearnings of the whole nation had for ages borne witness."

It presents these characters and scenes not as myths illustrative of religious ideas, nor yet as personages and occasions too sacred for literary criticism and discussion, but in the true spirit of an earnest and philosophical historian, who still does not desire to efface the distinction which good taste no less than reverence will always endeavor to preserve between the Jewish and other histories. There is little in common, except the theme, between the late Dean MILMAN's *History of the Jews* and STANLEY's *History of the Jewish Church*, but the author acknowledges his indebtedness to EWALD, whom he justly styles "the first Biblical scholar in Europe," for the aid which he had derived in preparing these lectures, from EWALD's "*History of the People of Israel*, a work as powerful in its general conception as it is saturated with learning down to its minutest details." Those who have, with us, derived much pleasure and profit from the perusal of these lectures, will eagerly anticipate the publication of the volume which is to complete the series.

A COMMENTARY ON THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: Critical, Doctrinal and Homiletical, with Special Reference to Ministers and Students. By JOHN PETER LANGE, D. D. Translated from the German, and edited, with Additions, by PHILIP SCHAFF, D. D. The Proverbs of Solomon; Ecclesiastes; Song of Solomon. New-York: CHARLES SCRIBNER & CO.

This new volume of a commentary whose reputation is already established, is worthy of its predecessors. Dr. SCHAFF has committed the translation and editorial labor of these books of the Old Testament to able scholars, and the result is very satisfactory. The Book of Proverbs is translated and edited by Rev. CHARLES ALLEN, D. D., who has recently been elected President of Union College, and who previous to this election had been distinguished as Professor of Latin in Princeton College. The introductory essays are of great value. Of the set here are no less than twenty-five, under two general heads, treating of the philosophy of the Old Testament in general in its relation to the philosophy of other nations, the ethical significance of the Book of Proverbs, the age of Solomon, the golden age of Hebrew literature, the literature of wisdom before and after Solomon, the origin and collection of the Proverbs, their poetical form, dogmatic substance, and kindred topics. Much has been added also to the notes, both grammatical and explanatory, of the German editor. The most interesting portion of this volume, however, is the book of Ecclesiastes, which was originally prepared by Dr. OTTO ZOCKLER, translated by Professor WEISS, of Union College, and is now edited with annotations and dissertations upon leading ideas in the book, by Dr. TAYLOR LEWIS. He has made a metrical version of the text, and analyzed it with great skill. His idea of the book is, that it is the utterance of a bewildered, questioning, struggling soul, perplexed with doubt, yet holding fast to certain great and fundamental truths. In his oft-repeated cry that "all beneath the sun is vanity," there is throughout a pointing to something above the sun, above nature, above the flowing world of time, to that "work of God" which he says is "for the eternal." All here when viewed in itself is vanity, but beyond, above, is the real; and this reality will at last be evident to those who "fear God and keep his commandments." Professor LEWIS holds to the Solomonic authorship of the book, and his arguments for this view are cogent and weighty. The Song of Solomon has been presented in this American edition by Dr. W. H. GREEN, Professor of Oriental and Old Testament literature in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J., and the introduction to the commentary is a labored and learned essay upon the interpretation of the Song of Solomon. The song is regarded as a poetical exhibition of the sacred joys and chaste delights of conjugal life, intended also to be typical of the Lord's relation to his people. The grossly literal and the extreme allegorical interpretations are both discarded. Dr. GREEN's essay is a careful and valuable contribution to exegetical literature.

THE WISE MEN: WHO THEY WERE, AND HOW THEY CAME TO JERUSALEM. By FRANCIS W. UPHAM, LL. D. New-York: SHELDON & CO.

Professor UPHAM's book was at least well-timed in its publication, coming as it did when Christmas carols were filling the air, and Christmas celebrations were reminding all of the advent of the Babe of Bethlehem, to whom the "Wise Men brought their tribute of gold, frankincense and myrrh." It is, moreover, a very interesting discussion of the whole subject of the nativity and errand of these visitors to the infant Saviour. The conclusion reached is, that these "wise men" were Magi from Persia, who believed that the God of Heaven intervened in the affairs of men, and that Ormuzd, who thus ruled, would in due time send prophets to work wonders for the Kingdom of Light, (their religion was in part fire worship,) and that the last of these prophets would destroy the power of Darkness; also, that among the Persian "Magi" was a Hebrew prophet, who knew the predictions concerning Christ, and the sign of the star—and that in obedience to these predictions the "three Kings of Orient" journeyed from Babylonia to Jerusalem and proclaimed there that they had seen the star of the King of the Jews. The author adds, that "in these few strangers in Bethlehem the Church sees the prophetic types and prophecy of the many, who, after them, were to come from every nation under heaven; and thus viewed, their presence is a sign that, disclosing its significance afterwards, authenticates that presence by proving there was in it something Divine."

Books Received.

—MOORE, WILSTACH & MOORE, Cincinnati, 1870. *A Helping Hand for Town and Country.* An American Home Book of Practical and Scientific Information. By LYMAN C. DRAPER, Secretary Wisconsin Historical Society, and W. A. CROFFUT, author of the *History of Connecticut*, &c. Introduction by HORACE GREELEY. 200 illustrations.

—MACMILLAN & Co., London, 1869. *Stories for my Children.* By E. H. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, M. P.

—*Demorest's Young America.* Boys and Girls' Magazine. November, 1869, to October, 1869.

—*Demorest's Illustrated Monthly.* Vol. VI. 1869.

—T. B. PETERSON & BROS., Philadelphia. *Marcus Warland; or The Long Moss Spring.* By Mrs. CAROLINE LEE HENTZ.

—J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co., Philadelphia, 1870. *Helen Evelyn.* By Mrs. M. HARRISON ROBINSON.

—HARPER & BROTHERS, New-York, 1870. The Poetical Works of ALFRED TENNYSON, Poet Laureate. With numerous illustrations.

—The Free Press Association, Burlington, Vt., 1869. The Vermont Brigade in the Shenandoah Valley, 1864. By ALDEN P. WARNER.

—JOEL MUNSELL, Albany, 1869. *The History of Distillation.* By AMOS DEAN, LL.D. In seven volumes. Vols. 6 and 7.

—RHODES & RALPH, Washington, D. C., 1869. Poems. By GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND.

—The Catholic Publication Society. *Lectures delivered in St. Ann's Church, Eight-street, during the Season of Advent, 1869.* By Rev. THOMAS S. PRESTON.

How the Country Republicans Regard their Brethren of the City.

From the Albany Advertiser, Jan. 6.

The Republicans of the City of New-York are reorganizing their organization. It needs it as bad as the dog which had its tail cut off just behind its ears. If this organization could be reformed out of existence altogether, and the working management of the party turned over to some central committee having its headquarters in the rural districts, say Syracuse, from whence patriotic men with common sense and full power and discretion could be sent into the City of New-York, a visible increase in numbers and strength might soon be obtained. The present system of sending missionaries from New-York to the country is just exactly wrong and damnedly wrong. We could never, upon the Hudson, to outline, do good work for Grant and the Union cause in New-York so long as politicians from the country in politics. When the next State Committee is organized let it change its base. Let it take position somewhere in the rural air of the country, and see what virtue there is in prying daylight into the City. With such an organization operating from the right end, and the lever working in the right direction, something in the way of progress and a renewal of Republican majorities may be accomplished. It is always a bad plan to work machinery against the grain.

THE COUNTRY IN 1870.

Prosperity of the Country—Census—Population in 1870—Wealth—Building—The Future.

THE PERCHES, Jan. 4, 1870.

In writing a new year of our Lord at the head of this letter I thought of the wonderful progress of this country since my memory, and that I would sketch in a few brief paragraphs the leading facts which the census of 1870 was likely to exhibit. It is not a difficult thing, for the progress of this country is like the movement of machinery, going on with mathematical accuracy. My letters to the TIMES will show that during the war, and since, I have always held that the country would be successful; that it suffered much loss, and was far more prosperous than was commonly supposed. The facts have sustained me, and never in the history of this nation, or of any other, was there exhibited such a national strength, growth and prosperity, as that with which God blesses us in the year of 1870. It has no parallel in history. A friend returning from his travels through Europe tells me that intelligent Europeans see everywhere astonished, both at our success in war, and our wonderful recuperation since; and he added, even the South will be more prosperous than ever. Yes! that South which was supposed to suffer so much, and which timid Conservatism endeavored to save from the terrible evil of abolition; that South will lay the foundation of her prosperity in the abolition of slavery, and succeed as it never did before. Already the South raises a full crop of cotton; already the negro is paid remunerative wages; already schools rise to teach them; and already he begins to take his part in the political business of society. The nightmare of its dreams has passed away, and the phantasmagoria of its diseased imagination passed away forever!

But I pass from the South to consider the whole country. What are the great facts of our country?

1. What will the census bring forth? What is our population? From 1790 to 1860, a period of seventy years, this nation has progressed in population at a ratio almost uniformly the same; in fact, with so little difference that the minimum, from 1830 to 1840, was 32.67, and the maximum, from 1840 to 1850, 36.37. The average was about 34½. Assuming 34 as the ratio of increase from 1860 to 1870, then the increase from 1860 to 1870 will be 10,680,720, and the population in 1870 will be 42,135,152. I am aware that this is above almost any estimate made, and much above the estimates of some persons. But you will observe that I have taken only the average ratio of seventy years; and let me say here that the increase from 1800 to 1810, when the immigration was comparatively small, was 36.45, two per cent. more than I have now assumed. But let me give my reasons in detail for believing the increase of population since 1860 has been very great. First, we have in this time been in a period of great healthfulness, without epidemics. Secondly, we have had abundance of all the means and sustenance of life. Thirdly, we have had an immense immigration. Fourthly, the losses of life by the war did not exceed seven hundred thousand, and one-third of those would have died if there had been no war. Fifthly, the supposed losses among negroes is imaginary. Thus we see that, in the aggregate, there is reason to believe the round ratio of increase will be increased rather than diminished. Thus, I assume that the increase of population from 1860 to 1870 will be up to the average increase.

2. What is the wealth of the country? This is a difficult problem; for political economists have never yet agreed upon an absolute standard of wealth. In only two censuses of the United States has any attempt been made to get at the value of the property, and in those the State assessments were chiefly relied on. Now, you in New-York know that these assessments are not at all reliable. In fact, there is probably no State in the country where they are reliable; for they are all made in reference to taxation—a thing much dreaded by the people. Probably the nearest to real values which we could get would be to estimate the value in the currency of the country at the usual terms of selling. This would be something above the standard of values in other countries, but would be nearer the truth than is found in the State assessments. In the year 1848 the State of Ohio adopted the plan of valuing property, not at the real, but at the cash, value. This is below the real value, because it is not sold for cash, except in rare cases. Allowing for this difference, the valuation in Ohio is near the truth. Taking past assessments, and the difference between cash and time sales, and I make the value of property in Ohio to be $1,729,000,000. Now, Ohio is just about one-fourteenth part of this country in population, and, as a central State, just about the same proportion in value. If this be true, then the value of property in this country is $24,206,000,000. This is very little different from what Mr. WELLS makes it out in his report. My own conviction is that the true valuation of wealth in this country is really greater than either of these estimates; but, as I have said, we have no certain standard of estimation. If these estimates are near the truth, then the progress of wealth in this country has been thus:

In 1850	$7,135,780,228
In 1860	16,159,616,068
In 1870	24,206,000,000

It will be observed that the increase since 1860 has not been as great as since 1850; but it is yet much greater than in the ratio of the increase of population, and, according to what we know of modern machinery this ought to be the case—that part of the increase of wealth, which makes the greater ratio beyond the increase of population, is due to machinery, which does the work of man. It is machinery which does almost the whole work of railroads, and we have $2,000,000,000 in railroad property; so of cotton mills, woolen mills and agricultural machinery.

Third—A very large part of the increased wealth of the country comes from structures, such as houses, mills, factories, public buildings, barns, &c. This is tangible property. In the year 1867 there were built in Ohio 15,500 new structures, and in 1869 there were 17,500. In the year previous there were considerably fewer; but in the ten years since the 1st of July, 1860, there have been built in Ohio 100,000 new structures. Perhaps, one-fifth of these were barns and uninhabited buildings; leaving 80,000 new habitations, an average of seven to each; there would be an addition of 560,000 people, which is very near the truth. In the United States there have been built since 1860 1,600,000 new structures; which is just enough for the 10,000,000 increase of people.

The reader can see from the facts I have furnished that the progress of the country is as great and as rapid as ever. The wounds produced by the war were so slight that in less than five years they are almost forgotten; and the great chariot of American destiny moves on as if its course had never been disturbed. Where will it end, or what will it arrive at? The exhaustion of new lands, which are rich and fertile, (and which will happen in a dozen or two years), will interrupt seriously the foreign immigration, and the progress of population. But, in the meantime, this nation will become a great manufacturing people, not only for ourselves but for other nations. It cannot be that exhaustless deposits of iron, lead, zinc, coal and gold have been deposited in the midst of this continent to lie there idle. God has commanded that this earth shall be subdued, and that cannot be done till its arable lands are cultivated, and its mines made useful and its precious metals applied to commerce. The settlement and culture of America is but just begun. On the three millions of square miles in the United States there will probably be six hundred millions of people. What will Europe be to them? What care they for the systems and governments and philosophies which originate on the old but narrow bounds of humanity? You think there are many people, and much wealth and some enterprise around New-York, and so there are; but you live only on a narrow rim of the Republic. You scarcely begin to look into the interior of the country. What do you know of the Great Valleys of the Mississippi, of Washington Territory, of Montana, Gunnison Valley, in the Rocky Mountains? What is Northern Texas? You take a railroad car and run to San Francisco, but that is nothing. You only cross the country—you don't possess it. We can see a mighty future bounding up on the distant horizon, but we cannot look into the bosom of that cloud which is big with the coming ages. But it seems to me there is something grand just before us—perhaps an unveiling of the realities of that vision which the Prophet saw in the latter days; perhaps something better and nobler than wealth in numbers. I do not hope that the veil which is taken from the face of Time may disclose to us the brighter glory of a regenerated world.

A VETERAN OBSERVER.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Ocean Marks.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

May I ask your permission to correct, in a few lines, the errors as to facts contained in a communication signed "Vindex," in your impression of to-day?

The actual time made by the *Minnesota*, on her last passage from Queenstown to this port, as compared with that of the *Java* and the *City of Baltimore*, was as follows: The *Minnesota* left Queenstown on the 23d December, at 10 A. M., and arrived at Sandy Hook on the 3d January, at 7:30 A. M.

	Days.	Hours.	Min.
Passage, apparent time	10	21	30
Add difference of time	—	5	45
Mean time	11	2	15

The *City of Baltimore* left Queenstown on the 24th December, at 6:42 P. M., and arrived at Sandy Hook on the 4th January, at 1:47 A. M.

	Days.	Hours.	Min.
Passage, apparent time	10	12	5
Add difference of time	—	4	40
Mean time	10	16	47

The *Java* left Queenstown on the 26th of December, at 2:30 P. M., and arrived at Sandy Hook the 6th of January, at 11:30 A. M.

	Days.	Hours.	Min.
Passage, apparent time	10	12	45
Difference of time	—	4	40
Mean time	10	8	21

Thus instead of the *Minnesota* beating either of the two steamers named, she was beaten two hours and twenty-eight minutes by the *City of Baltimore*, and two hours and forty-four minutes by the *Java*.

What the stimulus of carrying the United States mails may be worth, a few figures will show. By the official returns there were paid last year to the Cunard and Inman lines about $76,000 each per fifty-two trips, or $1,440 each per trip, those steamers receiving at the rate of twenty cents per ounce. Our Post Office now only allows six cents per ounce, or $60 per trip. What the actual cost of increasing a steamer's speed only ten hours on a voyage may be, I do not know; but better, in my humble judgment, the writing of the "estimates" afforded by $432 a trip.

The "great profit" conceived by the Postmaster-General amounts to this: That he has reduced the postal service to Great Britain from four trips a week to two, and by the arrangement he has made, that commercial portion of the mercantile community is delayed two days on the average. To save six cents a half ounce on letters two days' interest on the enormous money relations between the two countries is actually lost.

Cheap postage is a great boon, but when cheap postage means slow delivery, say the public is deprived of its just expectations. Perhaps in time the increase of letters under low rates of postage may make the service self-supporting, but it is right that the experiment should be tried at the expense of private individuals rather than the public? Roads for the inland transportation of mails is not regulated by the number of letters carried, and I can see no reason why it should be so by sea.

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SATURDAY, Jan. 8, 1870.

The San Francisco Whisky Seizures.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

As public attention has been called to the internal revenue complications involved in the recent seizures of whisky at San Francisco, and as the matter has not only attracted the attention of the Press throughout the country, but from its present position is assuming an importance greater than any question yet developed under the enforcement of the Excise laws, it seems to justify a full and truthful illustration of the subject.

The shipment of whisky from New-York to San Francisco has been a business extending itself in amount as the consumption of the commodity in California increased. Well-known brands of Kentucky Bourbon whisky have a constant market on the Pacific coast, and command a price at least twice that of the whisky distilled in California from wheat.

The particular character of whisky seized in possession of commission merchants of San Francisco is entirely distinct from the whisky distilled in California. Highwines have been regularly shipped to San Francisco, and the market reports of the commercial papers furnish daily quotations of the price; and as a complete illustration of the difference between highwines and the Bourbon whisky, (the class under seizure,) the market reports quote Bourbon and rye whisky at about double the price of either highwines or the wheat whisky of California.

The officers who seized the large amount of whisky in San Francisco claimed it had been rectified, and that it was on the market without the stamps affixed to the packages which the law and regulations required. The shippers having been apprised of the seizure, appealed to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the release of their property early in September. The officers in California manifested great confidence in the justice of the seizure, and it, therefore, became necessary for the Commissioner to thoroughly investigate the case before exercising the power to release.

The owners of the whisky protested against the seizure as unjustifiable, and with great force asserted that if the property seized had not fulfilled the requirements of the law in every respect, all Bourbon and rye whiskies in California or elsewhere were liable to like seizure. On such an appeal, the Commissioner was bound to afford the citizens interested an opportunity to establish the truth of their assertions. Several weeks were required to collect a complete chain of evidence identifying the whisky under seizure at San Francisco with that which had duly met all the requirements of the law by the payment of tax at the place of distillation.

But complete, and without a flaw of even the variation of a number, such evidence was at last placed on file at the Internal Revenue Bureau at Washington, and the release demanded. Notwithstanding the convincing evidence furnished the Commissioner, he declined then to exercise the power conferred upon him by Congress until he had secured further information on the subject.

The owners of the property on one hand had established their right to the release; the subordinate officers in California who had seized the property protested vehemently against the release, and were earnestly supported by Senator COLE. The Commissioner had a great duty to perform. The citizen taxpayer asked him for justice, and his California subordinates asked to be sustained. The result was that Supervisor FULTON was dispatched to San Francisco to investigate the question and to report. In due time his report came, and fully confirmed the evidence placed on file by the owners of the whisky.

The Commissioner then determined to exercise his prerogative, and ordered the property to be released. But before the order could be formally prepared, Senator COLE again protested against the release. The Commissioner then referred the matter to the Secretary of the Treasury for his approval. The examination of the case was intrusted to Judge RICHARDSON, Assistant Secretary, who reported in favor of sustaining the decision of the Commissioner.

Thus, through a most critical examination, extending over a period of three months, in which a vast mass of evidence had to be supplied, and which had been collected at great cost to the owners of the property, the long-expected release appeared within reach; but here again Senator COLE interferes, and on this occasion in his place in the Senate, by introducing a resolution instructing the Commissioner not to release the property.

Such is the situation of the case to-day. The action of Senator COLE is taking a question of the kind into the Senate, when the law confers the power on the Commissioner to adjudicate in such cases, is severely criticised as an unwarranted interference on the part of a Commissioner DELANO. Every opportunity has been extended by the owners of the property and their counsel for the fullest investigation. Senator COLE has been invited to examine the papers which represent the evidence in favor of release, but declined. In the meantime great loss has been sustained, business has been discontinued, shipments of the commodity have fallen off.

It is to be hoped that the United States Senate will at once rebuke the attempt to make it the court room where whisky cases are to be decided, and will vote down Senator COLE's resolution of instructions, which can only be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Do the Right.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Jan. 8, 1870.

Dancing the Polka.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Investigating the character and circumstances of persons who apply at the doors of citizens and on the street for relief, we are constantly discovering cases of gross imposition. From long observation and investigation it is quite plain that at least three-fourths of these applicants, young and old, are arrant impostors, and that whatever is given them, had better be burned. With very many it furnishes the means for drunken indulgence, with many others it encourages a life of pauperism, and with not a few it is made a matter of gain. Some of the lowest as well as some of the most genteel appearing beggars "amass money," and they are most successful in their attempts to secure it. To prevent these impositions, the evils flowing from indiscriminate almsgiving, and also the annoyance to which the benevolent are subjected, the Five Points House of Industry will furnish free to those who may wish them, cards directing applicants to call at the Institution and state their wants; will investigate all such cases referred to them, and see that proper relief is afforded.

S. B. HALLIDAY,
Superintendent, No. 155 Worth-street.

NO. 155 WORTH-STREET, Saturday, Jan. 8, 1870.

Dramatic Copyright—Judge Drummond's Decision.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

An article in your paper to-day, referring to the decision of Judge DRUMMOND in reference to the play of "Mary Warner," and purporting to give private reason for a different decision in our State Courts, is, it seems to me, unwarranted and unjust, and must have emanated from the combination of dramatic authors who seek to sustain the exclusive right to their productions.

Whether Judge DRUMMOND was right, or our State Courts, can be left to the common sense of any individual when the point is stated. This play was publicly represented on the stage in London in June, 1869, by the author and owner. It is a settled rule of law that when a play has been published the author (unless he has secured a copyright) loses his exclusive right to it. The question before Judge DRUMMOND and before our State Court was therefore identical, viz.: Is a representation on the stage a publication of the play? Our State Court holds that it is. Judge DRUMMOND holds that it is not a publication unless the person who took the play at each representation was able to remember it and write it out from memory. If the spectator was able to do this then it was a publication. If, on the contrary, the spectator was a little dull and he used a lead pencil to aid his treacherous memory, then it was not a publication.

Our State Court holds that public representation on the stage is a publication.

Judge DRUMMOND holds that the question of publication does not depend upon the fact of representation, but upon the sluggish or retentive memory of the spectator, so that if A and B sit side by side and listen to a play, and A can remember it, but B cannot, it is a publication as to A, and not a publication as to B. The author can get an injunction against one, and not against the other.

This is the common law of Chicago, founded on neither reason nor common sense. The remark in your paper in regard to the Judge who decides either of the cases with which I have been connected, is unwarranted.

IRA D. WARREN.

NO. 209 BROADWAY, N.Y., Saturday, Jan. 8, 1870.

What the Pennsylvania Representatives Call "Protection."

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

It is conceded by the traveling public which means a very large number of the American people, that steel rails are not only desirable, but necessary for the comfort and safety of railroad traffic. The present duty on the article is forty-five per cent. in gold, which, with the items of freight and insurance, practically amounts to fifty per cent. At the present price of steel rails in Europe, this duty is, in round numbers, $22 gold, or say $34 currency, per ton. This large bonus to American industry, as it is called, does not satisfy our ironmasters—masters, indeed, in more senses than one—for they have directed their Committee in Congress to propose 2 cents per pound, or $44 80 gold per ton, as a proper duty on this article of prime necessity, the demand for which is growing so great that all the steelmakers in this country together could not satisfy, if they would, now, nor are likely to do for ten years to come. Ought the people to submit to this glaring imposition, and allow a few men to ruin commerce and retard the development of our great railway interest, in order to build up a monopoly? Depend upon it that American industry, which has grown to be another name for American freedomism, is nothing but a good, healthy competition in most of its branches, more especially in those of iron and steel, for which nature has done so much in this country in the way of inexhaustible supplies of coal and iron ore. The best "protection" would be the entire abolition of the duty on coal, iron and steel, for then economy and carefulness would combine to give the public these useful metals at reduced prices, secure living wages to labor, and a fair return to capital.

One word more. Can one be a consistent "Republican" without at the same time being a "Protectionist?" I should be sorry to be withdraw from the party with which I have been identified since 1856, but shall be forced to do so if our leaders cling to that false system of political economy now ruining the country.

COMMERCE.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Jan. 8, 1870.

THE BEEF WE EAT.

The Live Stock Market of New-York—How the Doomed Animals are Disposed of—Bellowing, Brutality and Beef.

The place of reception for the thousands of cattle which are brought to this City over the railroads and canals which radiate from it to the remote parts of the country, is well fitted to render the bovine mind wholly indifferent to any fate which may await it thereafter. After the experience of that last journey and the ominous pen in which it terminates, the stambles have no terror for the desperate ox, and the wretched and discouraged cow is utterly heedless of the ghastly stalls of the butcher. Dazed, weary and exhausted, they are reckless whether they be carved into steaks, minced into hash, or left to expire in the last ditch. From the rich pastures of the West and South, and from the green hills of Ohio and our own rural counties, they are brought, crowded together in jolty cars, half fed and deprived of rest, and are finally hustled into yards in the precincts of the Metropolis which would break the spirits of the healthiest of brutes.

These cattle yards are always overcrowded; they are provided with no shelter against the scorching rays of Summer, or the pitiless storms of Winter; they are generally filthy in the extreme; and altogether they form a most uncomfortable abiding place for the last days of any living creature. Not only are there no provisions made for the comfort of the hungry and exhausted brutes, but nothing is done for the convenience of buyers and sellers. In the mud and filth of the yards, a motley crowd of human beings mingle with the herds and chaffer and haggle over their bargains. Here we find every variety of trading and speculating humanity. Many of the sellers are civil men of business, sharp, perhaps, but in general agreeable to deal with. The drovers are coarse and brutal, having no idea whatever that cattle are created with feelings which they are bound to respect. The buyers belong to almost every nationality under heaven, America generally having the smallest representation. English is the language of the trade, but it suffers from a violent contact with nearly all the tongues which were confounded in the building of the celebrated structure in the plains of Shinar. Finally the herd is disposed of in the midst of hardship, both for man and beast, which would form the subject of many a painful history, if they were but a part of our self-imposed every-day civilization; and then comes the task of transporting the carcasses from the market yard to the slaughter house, and no trifling task it is. Once free from their odious prison pens, the animals, for a moment, recover their spirits, and, celebrate their deliverance by disporting in every direction, and defying all the attempts of men to keep them in anything like order. Carriages leave the highways to them without dispute, women betake themselves to doorways and alleys with marvelous celerity, and men seek the shelter of gateways and fences with unwonted vigor. Drovers bawl, bunchers hallOo, cattle bellow, dogs bark, women scream and children yell, while the bewildered crowd rushes in every direction but the right one, and is belabored with clubs and missiles until brought at last to the fatal entrance. The scenes enacted within would bring a nightmare to the dreamers of a bovine family, and visions of scalps, rosets, steaks and ovens, perchance, of what place is to the sleep of the optimists. Yet only see the vexed experiences still to be undergone between the chambles and the hamstringing hall, change might come over the spirit of his dream.

We will not leave this subject without yet another word of protest against the shabby reception which is given to these dumb creatures on their arrival in New-York, and the cruelty which is executed upon them, both on their journey hither and during their brief sojourn here, before taking a final leave of all things earthly. There seems to be no reason why their traffic should not be done decently and in order. The Augean stables of Weehawken and Communipaw should be subjected to the herculean labors of an army of those who are now idle for want of employment, and appliances should be provided for the comfort of beasts and the convenience of men.

CURRENT NOTES.

There is a Door County in Wisconsin. It is always open to immigrants.

There are seven unions residing in Helmsburg, Penn., whose average age is 78 years. The youngest is 64 and the oldest is 91.

A boy 13 years of age is under arrest in St. Louis on the charge of assault with intent to kill. He stabbed a lesser boy with his penknife.

A West Virginia paper speaks decisively of its neighbor's "favorite gun in his argumentative vocation."

Five of the persons attacked by trichina recently in Knox County, Illinois, have died, and four others are given up by the physicians.

A Georgia paper informs its readers that Mrs. Brown "has published the advance sheets of her new book on the Byron scandal."

The "little mistake" of a Providence druggist lay in giving corrosive sublimate instead of calomel.

Two of West Virginia's Congressmen, it is reported, will vote to abolish the franking privilege.

Forty families from Paterson and Rahway, N. J., are to settle upon a recently-purchased tract of 7,000 acres on Staunton River, in Virginia.

Dr. GEORGE C. S. CHOATE, for sixteen years past Superintendent of the Massachusetts Lunatic Asylum in Taunton, has resigned.

Grand Rapids, Mich., extended a most enthusiastic welcome to Lieutenant-General SHERIDAN last week. The little city had not been so stirred up for a long time.

After all Indiana and Illinois are nowhere compared with Oregon, in the matter of divorce. In one Oregon county last year there were 132 marriages and 40 divorces.

New-Hampshire's vote on the Constabulary law has just been officially declared. There were 5,976 votes for the law and 13,508 against it; majority against, 7,532.

Ohio and Pennsylvania Democratic papers are urging the selection of Senator THURMAN, of Ohio, as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Mr. GEORGE E. HUMPHREY, the cashier of the Harvard National Bank, Boston, has at his own request been relieved from his duties to devote his time to the investigation of the "deficiency."

A boy 11 years old, confined in the jail at Indianapolis, amused himself on Thursday night by setting fire to the whiskers of a drunken man in the same cell.

General HALLECK E. PAINE has reiterated his refusal to be a candidate for reelection to Congress from Wisconsin. His constituents regret his determination to retire to private life.

The City of Bridgeport, West Va., has its little case of impeachment, the obnoxious official being its Mayor. The accusers say he is capable of keeping a good record, but has not done so because of inebriety.

Texas papers report that Brevet Captain FREDERICK W. SMITH, of the Ninth Cavalry, was killed at Fort McKavett on the 22d ult. by the accidental discharge of a revolver in his own hands. He was a native of Massachusetts.

Milwaukee, Wis., made and drank last year thirty-six million two hundred and three thousand six hundred and one mugs of lager beer. And still it cannot decide whether lager is intoxicating.

General REYNOLDS has written to a friend in Indiana that General DAVIS is elected Governor of Texas, that three of the four Congressmen chosen are Republicans, and that there is a Republican majority in the Legislature.

A private banking house in New-Orleans on New Year's Day surprised two gentlemen who have a slight interest in the business by handing them $5,000 each over and above their shares. Each of the clerks also received a present of $500.

A Texas paper, which opposes women's suffrage, remarks incidentally and somewhat obscurely that "the character and society of females, in a Government like this, should ever be maintained as the vestal virgins to guard the sacred altar of liberty."

A New-Jersey jury, which last week brought in a verdict of $5,000 for the plaintiff, when the Judge had charged very strongly in favor of the defendant, received such a lecture from the indignant honorable gentleman as they never received before. And they all married men, too.

Mr. W. CORNELL JEWETT has sent us a couple of letters in which he denies that Holland has opened her shores for all to lay cables, and says that he has been granted a concession to lay a cable by that country, which is virtually perpetual. He also says he has not as yet given any rights under this concession to any companies or parties.

The Houston *Telegraph* speaks a wise and timely word to the other Democratic papers of Texas when it reminds them that by a kindly tone they can do a vast deal of good for the State. It says it has done all in its power to do, that the Radicals, but the battle is now over and it protests against a continuance of bitter bitterness.

General BUTLER says the Emancipation Proclamation of President LINCOLN at once supplemented and complemented the Declaration of Independence; that it "may fitly be termed the executive act of freedom to all mankind, of which the Declaration of '76 was only the legislative announcement. It required both to make all men free; the first did so in theory, the latter in fact."

At a meeting of the Investigating Committ

might safely challenge the New-York Tribune in its dozen—"the reduction of the debt is the key to the funding project." Indeed, on the 1st of October, our bonds rated firm at 6 in Frankfort, while on the 1st inst. the quotation was "heavy" at 3¾.

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Then the foreign market bears and responds to the continuous cry coming up of oppressive taxation, of prostrated industry, of paralyzed agriculture. It sees the black form of repudiation, threatened by a party which seeks to obtain power in pandering to and magnifying the discontent of the people. By these means our bonds are deprived of the solidity which underlies accumulation not as great strangers in the money markets, and whose credit has never been touched by blight of discontent, or probable repudiation in fact, or essential change in form and terms.

In view of these facts, we have believed, and still believe, that an important prerequisite to funding even better than a large reduction of the principal, is to remove all cause of complaint upon the part of the people, foster a spirit of contentment, stimulate and relieve industry, and thus put down the Demon of repudiation, or what is just as bad, the possibility of the return to power of a party hostile to the war and inimical to the debt it created. This can be done by a replacement of a proportion of taxation, leaving still enough revenue to liquidate annually a small proportion of the principal of the debt.

From the Boston Journal.

One of the most obvious practical questions which arises from the Secretary's financial exhibit is whether, under the circumstances, the general pressure of taxation on the business community ought not to be lightened. So far as we can see, and appeals to the judge, there is a universal demand for such relief, which Congress ought to have by the adoption of appropriate measures, at the earliest possible moment. The nation has evinced its purpose to pay the debt, and that so unmistakably, and overwhelmingly, that even the Democratic Representatives in Congress have been compelled to put themselves on record as sharing the same purpose. The nation, too, has demonstrated its ability, month by month to make the payment, as has been done by the judicious application of its resources. Nothing further, then, in the way of demonstration, either for home or foreign effect, is any longer needed. All we have to do is to make the wisest use of our means consistent with any national obligations, on the one hand, and with the business interests of our people, on the other. We are not obliged to hurry up payment at a rate which shall be so relatively burdensome, seeing that all apprehensions have now been removed, and that new obstacles are constantly coming under the load, which will make its ultimate removal as easy as it is certain. These considerations would seem to require immediate relief from taxation, on long and so cheerfully borne, which is now pouring into the Treasury a heavy surplus. It may not be feasible to reduce the revenues to an exact equality with the expenditures of the Government, but that is the point which should be aimed at.

From the Hartford Courant.

There are two financial policies discussed by the Republican Press. It is proposed to retain the tariff and the present internal revenue taxes without material changes, though it is shown by Commissioner WELLS that the surplus is likely to be nearly or quite one hundred and twenty-five millions. The surplus is likely to be used in reducing the principal of the national debt—that is, of the bonded debt—that which is not yet due, which the holders are not presenting, and which has to be bought in at a premium. What is the object? The reduction of the debt is in itself a good thing, and a matter of congratulation, provided it be not attained at too great an expense, and that it be done in the right way. The chief object, however, is to so raise the national credit that we may be able to exchange the six per cent. bonds, so far as is necessary, which is said to be to the extent of $1,200,000,000, for four and a half per cent. bonds, so that eighteen millions a year may be saved in interest. To persuade a creditor to send eighteen millions a year, it is proposed to give our creditors a premium of twenty millions a year, for a couple of years, above what would otherwise be necessary. And we carefully use the term "exchange," for the advocates of heavy taxation always speak as if the Treasurer himself is to take a new dour and a half per cent. bond in one hand, with the money in the other, to the holder of the six per cent. bond, say to him, "Take this four and a half per cent. bond as a substitute, or I will pay you the specie for your six per cent. bond." This is altogether fallacious and deceptive. The two transactions are wholly independent of each other. We can reduce the principal of the six per cent. bonds in two ways: first, by such moderate taxation that we shall have a surplus with which to pay them dollar for dollar in gold; secondly, by borrowing money at a lower rate to pay them with. The six per cent. holder play to determined that when he gets his money he will not reinvest it in Government bonds of any description. The four and a half per cent. bond is no more safe than is to any other capitalist; it is to be judged upon its own merit; he will not be threatened into surrendering his present security—that would be repudiation. The pure question then is, can a five or four and a half per cent. bond be negotiated? Not as the market now is. Look for yourself. Six per cents are below gold par, both at home and abroad. It is a long way from that to par for four and a half per cents. It is claimed that the only way to bring up the market is to use a heavy annual surplus in paying up the principal of the debt. Then it further claimed now that our whole debt was to be bought up in ten years would they hasten to lend us at lower rates? Not by any means. But it shows our ability! No human being in the world doubts their power. The question is as to the use of our ability and our wisdom; that is all. The people have been growing stronger of late that the debt will be paid; that is, the purpose of the people to pay it is undoubted; but our folly may be such as to embarrass us and reinvigorate the spirit of repudiation. We do not deceive ourselves by raising a great surplus we decline to pay, and buying in our own bonds not yet due, while we pretend that to due to far below par, unpaid, irredeemable and likely to remain so for many a year.

Opening of the New Floating Church for Seamen—Discourses by Bishops Potter.

The new Floating Church, just erected at the foot of Pike-street, East River, by the "Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society, for Seamen, in the City and Port of New-York," was opened for worship yesterday morning. The building is a neat Gothic structure, arched within, capable of accommodating about 200 persons, and rests on a new and solid boat, which is moored to the dock owned by the society. The original Floating Chapel was built in 1844, and lasted twenty-two years, until 1866, when the Mission moved to a room at the corner of Pike and South streets, the same place where it first commenced its work in 1842. The present chapel was begun in September, last, and cost about $20,000. Mr. FRESLER was the Builder; Mr. THOM architect.

The opening services yesterday were conducted by the rector, Rev. E. W. LEWIS, and the Bishop of the Diocese, Rev. Dr. POTTER, who preached the sermon. In the afternoon Rev. Dr. SAMUEL COOK officiated.

The Bishop's sermon in the forenoon was a simple but impressive discourse suggested by the occasion. His text was from Romans, xii., 1: "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God," &c. He welcomed the sermon once more to a house of worship fitted up for their favorite element. It would be to them a resting place on their return from long and indefinite voyages, and on their departure again, they would enjoy the consolation of having had a reunion with Christian friends. The Bishop, in the course of his sermon, gave the results of the Seamen's Society's work during the last twenty-five years, as follows:

"Seamen and boatmen, exclusive of others, to whom they have proclaimed the Gospel through the mission of seven chapels, and by means delivered, 100,000. Visits have been made to 10,000 sick sailors in the hospitals. Distributed 7,120 Bibles, 32,000 Testaments, 4,700 prayer books, 70,000 miscellaneous books, of religious character, and over 2,000,000 pieces of tracts. Baptisms, 1,241; marriages, 1,000; burials, 800; burials at sea, 1,000; communicants added, 1,000."

Since the establishment of the Sailors' Home in 1845, it has accommodated 13,000 men, of whom 1,000, destitute from the shipwreck, were gratuitously provided with board and clothing. The inmates have deposited in savings banks or sent to their friends $146,000, and 750 men have been reformed, most of them from drunkenness.

Another Street Assault and Attempted Robbery.

Another of those bold forays by footpads, which have lately become so common in certain quarters of the City, occurred Saturday evening at a late hour, in Thirty-sixth-street, between First and Second avenues. ANDREW PEALOW, who resides at No. 19 Rivington-street, was passing quietly along the street when he was suddenly attacked by two ruffians, who knocked him down and were proceeding to rob him, when they were driven away by the opportune arrival of Officer SAMPSON, of the Twenty-first Precinct. PEALOW was found to have a severe wound upon the head, and having received surgical aid at the East Thirty-fifth-street Station House, was assisted to his home by the Police. The assailants, as in all like cases of late, escaped without leaving any clue to their identity.

Court Calendars—This Day.

COURT OF APPEALS CALENDAR.

The following is the day calendar for the Court of Appeals for Jan. 10: Nos. 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Ingraham, P. J., and Barnard and Brady, JJ.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Submitted Motions.

Nos.		Nos.	
36	Harrison vs. Pook.	72	Mackay vs. Mackay.
61	Cuff vs. Dorland.	74	Isaacs vs. The Third Av. R. R. Co.
62	Wells vs. Stoney.	76	Wilde vs. Cotton.
63	Perkins vs. McDevitt.	77	Wade vs. Peterson.
64	Buckingham vs. Kennedy.	78	Crawford vs. Fenton.
65	Williams vs. Dupont.	79	Wright vs. Allenton.
66	Woodruff vs. Fisher.	80	Wallbridge vs. Nelson.
67	Sanderson vs. Tuthill.	70	Burke vs. Lengstaff.
68	Webb vs. Hallock.	71	Doty vs. Brinckerhoff.
69	Loughran vs. Ross.	72	Jones vs. Wagstaff.
70	White vs. The Mayor of New-York, &c.	73	Potter vs. Hyman.
		74	Bennett vs. Abern.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Gilbert, J.—Calendar called at 10 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
1—Harris vs. Guthrie.		116—Allen vs. Cook.	
38—Cornell vs. Sohmer.		117—Darling vs. Bailey.	
52—Continental Ins. Co. vs. Woodworth.		118—Short vs. Collins.	
109—Crosby vs. Deutsch.		120—White vs. Thomas.	
		215—Viele vs. Viele.	

SUPREME COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by McCunn, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
1256—Faulk vs. Foster.		1277—Clemens vs. Douglas et al.	
247—Cheney vs. Fowler.		1128—Price vs. Cent'l P'k N. & E. R. R. Co.	
746—Storrs vs. Atlantic Mut. Ins. Co.		124—Eccles vs. Kelly.	
1181—Price vs. The Sun Mut. Ins. Co.		125—Redwin vs. Kelly.	
1196—Fistar vs. August F. Hoch.		1185—Merritt vs. Bowles et al.	
1287—O'Hara, plnt'f, vs. Rosbay.		1277—Brooklyn Oil Refinery vs. Brown et al.	
1287—White vs. American Steel Tool Co.		128—Stanton vs. N. Y. Steam Nav. Co.	
71b—Reed vs. Sun Mut. Ins. Co.			

Part II.—Held by Freedman, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
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1276—Sanborn vs. Brown.		1288—Clemens vs. Sampson.	
1416—Hill vs. O'Donnell.		1416—Vaughan vs. Kisner.	
1288—Geller vs. Theiss.		1418—Lambert vs. Bodmer.	
1288—Mitchell vs. O'Brien.		1422—Noelle vs. Rate.	
1288—Penny vs. O'Brien.		1424—Robinson vs. Kelly.	
1288—Harrington vs. Cunningham.		1141—Riley vs. Weeks.	
		1185—Davidson vs. Britton.	
		1284—Young vs. Sanders.	

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by Gross, J.—Calendar called at 10 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
4—Marx vs. Oliver.		2—Spencer vs. Cornell.	
1—Stewart vs. Haas.		2—Kenney vs. Purcell.	
4—Killian vs. Dunscomb.		2—Hogg vs. Cosgrove.	
4—Hagan vs. Chinchy.		2—Brown vs. Powers.	
4—Cavanagh vs. Oakley.		2—Bowman vs. Weld.	
4—Ellis vs. Bacon.		2—Wood vs. McDonald.	
4—O'Donnell vs. O'Donnell.		2—Kyle vs. Weld.	
		1—Porter vs. Wasserman.	

Part II.—Held by Curtis, J.—Calendar called at 10 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
2—Crowley vs. Bishop.		2—Black vs. Harks.	
2—Watson vs. Ryan.		2—Hackett vs. Clermont.	
2—Seymour vs. Funk.		2—Variet vs. Broadway and Seventh-av. R. R. Co.	
2—Wright vs. Walsh.		1—Pope vs. Costa.	
2—Cohn vs. Levy.		1—Hudson vs. Rusted.	
2—Lambrecht vs. Funk.		1—Beebe vs. Niagara Ins. Co.	
2—Watson vs. Sanford.		1—Hagan vs. Albany.	
2—Sharp vs. Schartner.		1—Rosenfeld vs. Mechanics' Fire Ins. Co.	
2—Mooney vs. Brannan.			
2—Smith vs. Gallagher.			

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Held by Recorder, J.

1—The People vs. Michael Boyle; burglary.
2—The People vs. William Stevens; burglary.
3—The People vs. John Slavin; burglary.
4—The People vs. Walter A. Allen; burglary.
5—The People vs. Walter Hamill; forgery.
6—The People vs. Frederick Quarg; assault and battery.
7—The People vs. George M. Dunbar; two indictments against bail by false pretences.
8—The People vs. Henry Miller and Wilfred Miller and Conrad Miller; assault and battery.
10—The People vs. Conrad Miller; assault and battery.
11—The People vs. Charles A. French; grand larceny.
12—The People vs. Thomas Donlevy; grand larceny.
13—The People vs. George Orth; grand larceny.
14—The People vs. John Orth; grand larceny.
15—The People vs. Harris Scott; grand larceny.
16—The People vs. Robert McDowell; grand larceny.
17—The People vs. William R. Conley; grand larceny.
18—The People vs. John Ryan; grand larceny.
19—The People vs. John Campbell; grand larceny.
20—The People vs. Michael Lehman; grand larceny.
21—The People vs. John Keller; grand larceny.
22—The People vs. John Murley; grand larceny.
23—The People vs. Charles Olsen; larceny from the person.
24—The People vs. Catherine O'Connell; larceny from the person.
25—The People vs. Edward Gardner; larceny from the person.
26—The People vs. Mary Hawkins; grand larceny.
27—The People vs. George Newcomb; grand larceny.
28—The People vs. Thomas J. Sullivan; grand larceny.
29—The People vs. Jeremiah Madden; grand larceny.
30—The People vs. Joseph Funt; petit larceny.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—JAN. 8, 1870.

FIRST BOARD—10½ A. M.

$5,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C.	117¼	57 Fourth N. Bank	102
15,000 do	117⅛	100 Cumb. Coal Pf	32½
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	114⅞	200 do...bot. call	32⅝
25,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	114⅞	200 do	32⅝
10,000 do...bot. call	114⅞	200 Mariposa	11½
10,000 do...b3	114⅞	100 do	11½
10,000 do	114	100 Pac. Mail	42½
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, n	112½	100 do	42½
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	112⅝	100 do...bot. call	42½
10,000 Tenn. 6s, ex c.	62½	30 do	42½
20,000 do	62½	100 do...bot. call	42½
5,000 do	62½	100 Erie	38½
11,000 do	62	100 Harlem R.	140
5,000 do	62½	200 Reading	94½
20,000 do...s5	62½	100 do	94½
5,000 Va. 6s, c.	62	30 do	94½
1,000 M. & S. P. 1st	90	100 do...bot. call	94½
1,000 Col., C. & I. C. 6s	72½	100 L. S. & M. S. R.	92½
1,000 do	72½	100 do	92½
1,000 do	72½	100 do...bot. call	92½
1,000 do	72½	100 do	92½
1,000 do	72½	100 do	92½
100 Canton Co.	56	100 do	92½
700 West. U. Tel	32½	100 do...bot. call	92½
100 Atlantic Mail	32½	100 do	92½
100 do...bot. call	32½	100 Clev. & Pitts	86½
100 Marlboro Pf	37½	100 Chi. & N. W.	71½
13,000 N. Y. Cen. & H. R. R. Con.	97½	100 do	71½
100 do	97½	100 do...bot. call	71½
100 do	97½	100 do	71½
100 do	97½	100 do	71½
100 do	97½	100 do...bot. call	71½
100 do	97½	100 do	71½
100 do	97½	100 Chi. & N. W. Pf.	84½
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The Spanish Ministerial crisis has terminated in the appointment of Señor RIVANO, the President of the Cortes, to be Minister of the Interior; Admiral TOPETE, to be Minister of Marine, and Señor SAGASTA to be Minister of Foreign Affairs....M. OLLIVIER, the French Premier, promises to keep justice clear from politics, so that decisions will have all the more weight. The Minister of Finance has declared that his department will not, as heretofore, "keep up relations with great financiers"....A proposition is to be made to exclude LEDRU ROLLIN and TIBALDI from the operation of the recent French amnesty....In connection with the reduction of the French army contingent, the abolition of the law of *Garde Générale* is to be proposed....Algeria is to be represented in the Corps Legislatif by four Deputies....The sale of all newspapers in the streets of Paris is permitted, and foreign journals will be distributed with examination at the Bureau of Censorship....A trades' union riot occurred in the collieries near Sheffield, England, on Saturday....The Committee on Dogmas of the Ecumenical Council has begun its sittings. A petition from ultra-Roman clergy has been addressed to the Pope, praying for an opportunity in the Council for declaring the dogma, with the supposed design of precipitating the Pope into a committal in favor of the dogma. It is said he receives such petitions only as marks of homage to the Holy See.

CUBA.

Captain-General DE RODAS has issued a proclamation generally complimentary to the citizens and the army. He asserts that troops are coming from Spain to save the lives of the soldiery on the island, and not to reinforce them, as they are abundantly able to suppress the rebellion. He also declares that the Cubans are not insurgents in war only, but in incendiarism....Fifteen more of the Spanish gunboats reached Havana on Friday, accompanied by the *Puerro*....The repopulation of Cuba with Spaniards is suggested by the *Voz de Cuba* newspaper, as a means of getting rid of the enemies of Spain....The report that the Cuban Junta has hired parties to assassinate the Spanish Minister has been received in Havana....The steamer *Anna* is still in custody of the United States authorities at Charleston.

GENERAL.

Dispatches from Havana confirm the report of the capture of Port-au-Prince. The fate of SALNAVE is unknown.

CALDWELL was discharged on Saturday by Judge COURSOL, at Montreal, on the charge of MEROUS, and before the warrant for his arrest on other charges was served he made his escape. This was achieved in an exceedingly bold manner. Immediately after the announcement of his discharge his counsel walked him out of the Court room, and locked the door right in the face of the High Constable, who was just behind and on the point of serving the warrant. When the door was opened he was out of sight. The Consul-General has offered a reward for his arrest.

A Washington dispatch says Hon. WM. STRONG, of Pennsylvania, will be nominated to the Senate as the successor of Associate Justice GRIER, of the Supreme Court.

A project in which New-York capitalists are said to be interested is entertained for constructing a levee on the west bank of the Missouri River, from the high lands of Missouri to the mouth of the St. Francis River in Arkansas; the levee to form the bed of a railroad.

Hon. REVERDY JOHNSON has rendered an opinion, by request, on the acts of the Maryland Legislature requiring the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to pay into the Treasury one-fifth of the gross receipts from passenger travel over the Washington branch of their road. He declares that they are unconstitutional and void.

Great freshets in the Province of Chiapa, Mexico, have occurred. It is reported that over two hundred lives have been lost by drowning, and that many valuable farms have been destroyed....Fears of a general revolution in Mexico are daily increasing.

The Indiana Democratic State Convention met at Indianapolis Saturday, and State officers were nominated. The resolutions adopted strongly censured everything that Republicans favor. The principal resolves called for the repeal of the Tax Laws, the taking of the bonds, and the abolition of the State banking system; also, declared that the five-twenties were payable in greenbacks. Repudiation was repudiated.

The package of $21,000 in bonds, for the Secretary of the Treasury, which recently mysteriously disappeared in the office of the Adams Express Company, in Washington, has been found.

The Georgia Legislature assembles at Atlanta to-day.

The billiard match between DESBY and DION, in San Francisco on Saturday evening, for the championship of the United States, a cue set with diamonds and $1,000, resulted in favor of DESBY by a score of 1,500 to 1,456.

The telegraph operators' strike threatens to collapse. In several cities the operators have returned to their employment.

Hon. WM. A. RICHARDSON has been selected as the President of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad, for the purpose of conciliating present differences.

It is said that the presence of the son of President LOPEZ in Washington is to induce our Government to renew diplomatic relations with Paraguay.

Messrs. FISK and GOULD, of the Erie Railway Company, were brought before the Oyer and Terminer Court in Passaic County, N. J., on Saturday, on a charge of conspiring to defraud by taking excessive rates of freight from the Rogers Locomotive Company of Paterson, for transporting locomotives. About 400 suits are to be commenced against the Erie Company for alleged overcharges for carrying freight.

LOCAL.

Three brothers named STANLEY, aged 12, 10 and 4 years respectively, last evening were playing on the ice on the pond between Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets, and near Fifth-avenue, when it broke and they were precipitated into the water. The two elder were rescued with difficulty, but the youngest was drowned. The body was subsequently recovered and taken to the residence of the parents, corner Twenty-sixth-street and Third-avenue.

At 7 o'clock last night a fire broke out in the First Reformed Church, on Market-street, Newark, and before its progress could be stayed a damage of $200 was caused. The fire originated from a defective flue. Fortunately, service had not commenced.

The National Land Company of this City have sold 48,000 acres of Kansas lands to a Scotch Emigration Company.

The light on Little Gull Island has been raised from a third to a second-class, and a second assistant keeper added. CHAS. STURGIS, of Sag Harbor, has been appointed to the position.

From the Central Park meteorological report for the week ending Jan. 8, it appears that the mean height of the barometer was 29.901 inches; maximum, at 9 P. M., Jan. 5, 30.224 inches; minimum, at 4 P. M., Jan. 2, 29.626 inches; range, 1.598 inches. The mean of the thermometer was 33.9°; maximum, at 12 M., Jan. 3, 52.5°; minimum, at 12 P. M., Jan. 2, 18°; range, 34.5°. On Jan. 3, rain fell from 1 A. M. to 1:20 P. M., amount of water, 1.18 inch; Jan. 6, from 6:45 P. M. to 12 P. M., amount of water, .06 inch; Jan. 7th, from —— A. M. to 4 A. M., amount of water, .11 inch; Jan. 8, snow fell from 7:45 A. M. to 11:30 A. M., amount of water, .10 inch; total amount of water for week, 1.45 inch.

Our Present Taxation Inimical to Domestic Industry.

In pressing the duty upon Congress of reducing taxation, whether under the internal administration or the tariff, it must be remembered that this journal is speaking, not on a matter of theory, but upon stern facts which press upon every individual. The great middle class of consumers—the lawyers, physicians, clergymen, moderate merchants, mechanics and farmers—know how severely the present state of things presses upon their means; how difficult it is now, at the end of the year, "to make both ends meet." They do not always understand the reasons of the increased difficulties in supporting their families and laying up a little "for a rainy day," but they feel them continually.

Our especial object in the articles upon taxation in these columns, which have had so wide a circulation, is to show where the shoe pinches; how it is that the poor grow poorer and the rich richer under our present absurd system, and why it is an indispensable condition, even to resumption, that we should be relieved of some of these taxes.

If some of these heavy burdens laid upon all consumers were "protecting" a native industry, so that soon we should have a product cheaper, and were building up thus a domestic manufacture and a home market for agriculture, we as consumers might have some consolation for the load we were forced to carry. But it is because we see that many of our taxes have no sort of relation to "protecting" or building up a native industry, but rather to undermining what we possess, that they only benefit a few capitalists and not the people, that they lessen every man's means and cripple every other industry, and that they add very little to the national revenue. It is for such reasons that we protest against them and urge a thorough overhauling of our system of internal and customs taxation. The truth is, Congress has nearly taxed many branches of industry out of existence, and has made the expenses of every mode of production and every individual so great, that we can now hardly export a single manufacture which can compete, on foreign markets, with the products of the world. This defective system of taxation is felt personally by every man, woman and child throughout the country in their daily expenses. All manufactures, all agriculture experience it. Our taxes are slowly destroying the industrial life of the nation.

We are running in debt to foreign nations about $200,000,000 per annum. Every year this country is less able to pay this great indebtedness. We cannot manufacture at sufficient profit to be able to export our own products in payment. If specie payments could be resumed this year, it is doubtful if we could keep the gold in the country, so constant and heavy is our foreign indebtedness. Thus in manufactured cottons, which used to be one of our strong points, we were only able to export $5,871,000 in currency value in 1869, against $10,934,000 (gold) in 1860, or about one-quarter of the former. In woolens our export was even less in proportion, having fallen off sixty per cent. the past year, amounting only to the small sum of $100,000, while Great Britain during the same year exported $129,000,000. In one branch, the manufacture of boots and shoes, we formerly considered ourselves prominent. Ten years ago, no country could compete with the United States in the quickness cheapness and efficiency with which a boot or shoe could be made. Since then, our machinery has been improved. But now, such is the burden of our defective system of taxation, a boot or shoe costs more in gold than it did in 1858; and as a consequence we cannot exchange them with the products of foreign countries, where they are manufactured more cheaply. The export has declined from $1,539,000 in 1863, to $681,706 in 1867, and $475,650 in 1868. Again, this country has possession alone of machinery which can manufacture combs, piano keys and other articles of ivory, cheaper than anywhere else. But so heavy is the tax on ivory that there is now scarcely any export of these articles from the United States. In exclusively domestic manufactures, we all know how entirely shipbuilding has been destroyed by our taxation, so that while our increase of tonnage in 1867 ought to have been, according to the past average, 500,000 tons, it was only 80,000, thus throwing out of employment (according to a trustworthy estimate) in that one year 40,000 men in building, equipping and sailing vessels. Or we may take a smaller branch yet, employing $20,000,000 of capital—the silk and fur hat manufacture. Here, with duties of sixty per cent. on the raw material, the cost is so heightened that the export is almost entirely cut off, and the demand at home reduced twenty-five per cent. during the past three years. All the revenue derived from this branch is $800,000, and the domestic manufacture cannot compete with the foreign.

These instances could be multiplied by the scores, where taxation direct and indirect has eaten out the vitals of our industries. Expenses of production are rendered so heavy that we cannot compete with foreign countries, while every one is paying a useless tax. When will Congress have courage for a thorough reform?

Terms of the Dominican Treaties.

To-day the President will send to the Senate, as our correspondent has informed us, two treaties,—one for the lease of the Bay of Samana, the other for the annexation of San Domingo to the United States.

Thus this long-pending negotiation bids fair, in one or other of the two shapes in which its results are now laid before Congress, to come to an end. Should we go back to the very origin of these proposals, we should find that investigations were made regarding the Island of Hayti, with a view to its occupancy by us, many years ago. But it was not until the late rebellion showed the imperative necessity of our possessing a coaling, supply, and repair station of our own in the West Indies, that this general desire took definite form in propositions for purchase. As all the world knows, the first proposal (still pending) was made for St. Thomas and St. John. But, towards the close of 1866, Mr. SEWARD fixed his eyes on San Domingo, and especially on the Bay of Samana. Early in the following year Mr. FREDERICK SEWARD sailed for San Domingo, where he was to make inquiries respecting the renting or purchase of the bay; and, in fact, it was generally understood, and we believe it to be true, that a portion of the money thought to be necessary for the purchase of a harbor in the West Indies was taken with him. However, BAEZ and CABRAL were then fighting for the possession of the Republic, and one of the latter's war cries was hostility to the sale. Nothing, therefore, was done. But in due time, BAEZ found his star in the ascendant, and negotiations were renewed. It is understood that the price then offered by Mr. SEWARD was two millions for Samana Bay and Peninsula. However that may be, the whole Republic is now offered to us by BAEZ for one and a half millions.

And perhaps it is this consideration which will operate to make the real question for decision the one regarding the annexation treaty. If the figures given by our Washington correspondent be correct, it must at first seem that the whole of the Republic can be bought for less than a part—the former for a million and a half, and the latter for two millions. This would seem also to imply that the Republic will pay us half a million for the privilege of being annexed, on the ground that it is worth that to take such a country into the Union. But the truth of the matter is that by getting the bay and peninsula we get all that is of value to us, and by taking the balance we assume the Dominican debt. What that may amount to in a country where exchange has lately been quoted at such extraordinary figures we cannot surmise. It is not indeed quite as puzzling as the case of Hayti, where "exchange is 4,000," but our correspondent tells us that the currency represents a nominal value of about $2,000,000, which, it is estimated, could be easily bought out for $100,000. Besides this, the debt of the Republic is about $1,200,000; so that it will be seen why it is that in West Indian real estate that is literally true which we sometimes pronounce to be metaphorically true of New-York real estate—"you can buy cheaper than you can hire."

However, it is fair to add that for our million and a half down and our assumption of the debt we should get some assets. There are public buildings, forts, &c., "estimated to be worth from $600,000 to $800,000," and which, therefore, would pretty certainly be worth, all told, from $50,000 to $100,000. Then we get GABB and his gold fields, about which we used to hear in Mr. SEWARD'S days. For, ever since California was acquired, our people look even a gift horse in the mouth, to see if there is gold in his teeth. When Russian America was in the market, comparatively little was said about seals, but very much about the "gold on the Stikeen." We even had stories of exploring parties in search of the precious metal; for those who had the affair in charge rightly judged that people would be carried away more by the glitter of the superficial than by the worth of the solid and substantial. In like manner, with regard to San Domingo, it has been hard for two years to get an elaborate official comparison of San Domingo with the other Antilles, and of Samana Bay with the harbor of St. Thomas. But we have been flooded with accounts of Professor GABB's explorations among the "gold-bearing strata of San Domingo." Yet what do we want of Alaska tree and San Domingo quartz, with all Colorado lying unexhausted? Rather, let us look to all the resources which go on at these midnights. Surely we need not appeal to the Police force everywhere to prevent outrages which disgrace human nature!

The paper on the "Poorer Classes," in yesterday's TIMES, will doubtless have struck a good many readers as suggesting the best kind of public charity, and the best way of dealing with the pauperism of great cities. The truest charity towards the poor is certainly the charity which would enable them "to provide for their own wants with the labor of their own hands," instead of crowding them into almshouses and, say, inns. No doubt it is easier to lump them in the latter way and look the gates, but the other is a far better way. There are thousands of poor who, from ignorance, or their own faults, or other disabilities, are left to drift into dishonest ways and criminal courses who, if taken in hand and directed to employment where they are, or to the open regions of the West, would cease to be the burdens or pests of society. A civic bureau to deal with poverty in a general and intelligent way would probably be the best of our public institutions. Something has been done in this way already, but much more remains to be done.

We wonder if Mrs. THURSTON meant to satirize the State of Maine, by her extraordinary attempt to sell it to the highest bidder. She has probably heard how the African Juguritha once declared that Rome would sell herself if she could only find a purchaser, and so made her application, by way of reflecting severely on the aforesaid State. Or she may be a leading member of the Sorosis, and really wishes to get Maine as a sort of Barataria for the Sisterhood, where they may freely make their experiments in social government. Or, perhaps she was crazy. But, in that case, Colonel DRAW, the Secretary of State, would not have asked her to dinner. It is a puzzling piece of business altogether.

Governor Claflin's Message.

The Message which Governor CLAFLIN communicated to the Legislature of Massachusetts on Saturday is noteworthy from the fact that the topics which it discusses and the recommendations which it makes are such only as are of direct interest to the people of the Bay State. He congratulates them upon the fact that the past year has been one of unusual health and abundant prosperity, and that the opening of the new year has found the State in a satisfactory condition financially, its credit being in an enviable condition at home and abroad, and its bonds finding a ready sale at prices considerably higher than those of any other American security. The State debt has increased about two million dollars during the year, its aggregate now being $30,000,000, but the sinking funds established for its redemption have also increased proportionally, and now amount to nearly eleven and a half millions. Taking the State's capabilities into consideration, Governor CLAFLIN does not regard this debt as heavy, yet he urges, in view of the taxation which will continue to be necessary for national purposes, that the Legislature refuse to aid any new enterprises, bitter experience in the past having shown that whenever a project has been commenced under the patronage of the State, further and further demands are made, as in the case of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, which the State has been compelled to assume, involving an expense, past and prospective, of nearly fifteen millions of dollars.

One of the most cheering items contained in the Message is the statement that the amount deposited in the savings banks of the State has increased nearly $17,500,000 during the past year. The whole amount now on deposit therein is over $112,000,000, with a reserve in addition of $9,500,000. The Governor highly commends the prudent management of these institutions, and he recommends that the amount which may be deposited by one individual be increased to $5,000. He also suggests that, as every facility should be afforded merchants and manufacturers to obtain the use of active capital, and as our national banking system does not allow an increase of banks in the State, the larger savings banks be opened to them.

The Governor refers with pardonable pride to the liberality of the people in providing for the education of their children, and urges that every effort be made not merely to keep the schools at their present high standard, but to increase their usefulness and enlarge their facilities, by affording teachers greater opportunities for training in the specific work of instruction and paying them more liberally.

The Governor makes many valuable suggestions respecting the penal and reformatory institutions of the State, and the treatment of criminals. The number of prisoners in the State Prison during the year has been larger than ever before, and has steadily increased. Their average age was 26 years, and a large number of them could not read or write. The Governor recommends a separate institution be established for the reformation of young criminals, that separate places of confinement be provided for the women who are now sent to the common houses of correction, and that an inquiry be made whether it would not be for the best interests of the Commonwealth to enter on the work of classification thoroughly, that the incorrigible offenders may not be herded indiscriminately with the novices in crime.

The Governor says that during the six months in which the amended liquor law has been in force, there has been done by retail a general sale of liquor. He regards it as certain that the people will not submit patiently to the restoration of the open bar, "that relic of a less enlightened period," but admits that the present law is in some respects distasteful to the people, and that as all laws of any value must have at least the assent of the public, if not their earnest support, it would be advisable so to amend this law as to place it in accordance with the spirit of the age. This result he looks upon as possible, though difficult.

The Governor says that as public policy will justify special interests of the laboring men, whatever suggestions or requests they make, coming within the legitimate scope of legislation, should receive most careful and cordial consideration. The depression of our commerce is alluded to in terms of regret, and it is urged that the true policy of the General Government would be to expend a small portion of the large sum annually devoted to the support of the navy, in encouraging an interest which in time of war would furnish men to man our vessels.

The Governor alludes briefly to national affairs, and congratulates the people on the probable early ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment. He pays an appropriate and feeling tribute to the memory of the citizens of the State who have died during the year: JOHN CLARKE, of Northampton, whose donations and bequests established the school for deaf mutes in that place, and GEORGE PEABODY, whose influence survives him in the noble institutions which he founded. Closing, Governor CLAFLIN urges the members so to shape their legislation as to retain as far as possible the sons of the State within the State, that they may enjoy the fruits of their fathers' labors, not so much in the wealth that may descend to them as in the means of happiness which are open to every one.

Rights of Territory in the National Cemeteries—Opinion of Attorney-General Hoar.

It is reported from Washington that Attorney-General HOAR will transmit to the Senate today, in obedience to the resolution calling for it, his opinion of July 25, 1869, as to whether the act of February 22, 1867, to establish and protect national cemeteries, is competent to vest in the United States exclusive jurisdiction over lands acquired for that purpose. After reciting the provisions of the law, which declares that the title to these national cemeteries shall be vested in the United States, and its jurisdiction over them shall be exclusive, Mr. HOAR cites the eighth section of the first article of the Constitution, and goes on to remark as follows:

"I am of opinion that under this provision of the Constitution there is no power in Congress to acquire or assent exclusive jurisdiction over any part of the territory of any State without the consent of the Legislature of the State, and that, in order to acquire exclusive jurisdiction over a national cemetery, the consent of the Legislature of the State in which the same is situated must first be obtained. I have no doubt that, as incident to the power making war, the National Government has the power to bury the dead who have fallen in battle, and to appropriate for this purpose such lands as are necessary to hold such burial places, and to protect them from desecration, if the consent of the Legislature of the State in which the burial place is situated can be obtained. I think it might well be held to be included under the terms of the constitutional provisions above cited, and exclusive jurisdiction over it be thus acquired."

WASHINGTON.

Reassemblings of Congress—The Questions of Finance and Taxation—The Reduction of Taxes—Mr. Boutwell and his Funding Policy—How he Looks Upon it—The Ways and Means and the Tariff.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 8, 1870.

Congress meets again next Monday. The first subjects which will be considered with sufficient interest to thoroughly absorb all the elements in both Houses, are finance and taxation. The Ways and Means will, within a week, report a readjusted tariff,—or rather, an amended tariff, whereby it will be proposed to reduce taxation from that source about $36,000,000 to $30,000,000. This will be the first measure to be acted on in the House. In the Senate, the first financial measure likely to be considered is a Funding bill. It matters little what theories or arguments may be advanced, so far as the possibility of funding is concerned, Mr. BOUTWELL will unequivocally get the authority, and if he does so he will certainly try the experiment. He seems to be very confident of success, and argues that we certainly can be no worse off than we are now, even if he should try it and fail. He differs in toto from the position, so widely held by the Press, that resumption is absolutely necessary to funding. He holds that the ability and willingness of the country to pay is the foundation of the national credit; that the only way to fund the debt at a lower rate is to maintain the credit at a high rate; that the only way to maintain the credit at a high rate is to demonstrate ability and determination to pay the debt, and that the only test by which such ability can be judged is the manner in which the people respond to the taxes. He believes that resumption can aid funding, but he also believes that funding will aid resumption by rendering it entirely safe and practicable to reduce taxation; that with such an enemy before us as the public debt we cannot safely surrender, to any large extent, the means at our command to meet it. He looks upon the ability and willingness of the people to pay taxes, and then place the debt where it can be managed, with as much faith as he did upon their ability and willingness to furnish men and money to put down the other public enemy in the field. For these and other reasons he wants the power fund, and if he gets it the process will be thoroughly tried. This is, in brief, the position of the Secretary of the Treasury, as I understand it, though I may not have stated his positions and arguments as forcibly and clearly as he does to any one who chooses to talk with him about it.

As to Congress, I think it safe to predict that it will not only give the Secretary his funding power, but it will also go on and reduce taxation to a certain extent. Neither House is insensible to the demand which is so urgent. Yet, while they fully appreciate the fact that taxes ought to be reduced, they will be grateful for all information showing where and how they can be reduced. They have started out in the House, as before stated, with a proposition to reduce the tariff by about twenty-five millions, and it is estimated that the retrachement of the income tax at a lower rate will reduce by fifteen millions more, with an estimate of five millions additional for sundry other features of the internal revenue list. This will be equal to forty or forty-five millions reduction, though possibly the stimulus given to importations by a reduction of the tariff on several articles would prevent the reduction in that direction from being apparent in the annual return.

Beyond this Congress is not likely to go, from present appearances. The Sinking Fund feature will be reenacted so as to cover into the fund all the purchases made thus far, and to fix the rate at which they shall be made hereafter. This rate will be one or, possibly, two per cent. per annum; but if not, there will be an effort to fix them at two per cent.—or fifty millions per year in round numbers. The fulfillment of the requirements of the act from the date of its passage, Feb. 25, 1862, would necessitate the purchase, in addition to the present accumulation, of upwards of one hundred and forty millions of bonds, counting the reinvestment of the interest every six months, and would require over two years to accomplish it with the rate of purchases as they have averaged for the past eight months.

It is greatly to be regretted that the work of the Ways and Means Committee on the tariff will after all be very incomplete and fragmentary. It will not be a general revision of the list—only a reduction here and there, with an occasional change of classification, and probably, in some cases, a very injurious increase of the rate. There are some auspicious changes in the free list also, and one or two articles are classified as raw materials, the supply of which is monopolized by American companies, so that they get *their* raw materials free, to the ruin of all other competitors. The revision of the general list will be deferred until some future period. This is, perhaps, fortunate, as a majority of the present Committee seem entirely inadequate to the duty.

When the Tariff bill gets into the House there will be a general onslaught on its rates, especially by the Western members, and there hope for a reduction of taxation can be based upon the House than upon the Committee. Sugar, coffee, iron and two or three other leading staples will have a hard struggle to get through the House without submitting to a further reduction than is proposed in Committee. CYMON.

The Virginia Question—The Gold Conspiracy—The Tariff Bill—Depository Banks—Mr. Sumner on our Cuban Relations—Mr. Hoar and the Supreme Court Judge—Dominican Annexation.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The following letter addressed to Speaker TURNER, of the Virginia House of Delegates, who is now here as Chairman of the Committee of the Virginia Legislature, was received by him this morning. The signers comprise the legislative delegation of the City of Richmond and County of Henrico, and their evident desire is to insist upon immediate admission, without further conditions:

RICHMOND, Jan. 1, 1870.

To Hon. Seth Turner, Chairman of the Committee of the Virginia Legislature:

The undersigned members of the Legislature, from Richmond City and the County of Henrico, recognize your Committee as a correct expression of the feelings and purposes of their constituents in adopting the Constitution submitted to them in the last election, and a just interpretation of the pledge made by each of them in taking the oaths of office as legislators under the Constitution. They have seen no disposition on the part of the people since the election to regret or retract the action in this respect, and they therefore feel fully authorized as the representatives of those who elected them, to concur in your memorial and ask through your Committee the immediate and unconditional admission of the State into the Union, upon the facts and pledges contained therein.

A. R. Courtenay, Charles Campbell and Norman Smith, Senators, and A. M. Kirby, Augustus Bedeker, Stephen Mason, G. K. Gilmer, L. H. Frayser, members House of Delegates.

THE GOLD INVESTIGATION.

General GARFIELD, Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, has returned from New-York and hopes to be able to arrange the preliminaries of the gold conspiracy investigation this week. The report that a sub-Committee was in New-York last week examining witnesses was erroneous. Mr. GARFIELD was there, but not specially on this business. It will be the aim of the Committee to be as thorough as possible, but they do not desire to waste any efforts in touching into channels that will yield nothing. Therefore some pains will be taken beforehand to ascertain who can testify to something and who cannot.

MR. SUMNER ON CUBAN RECOGNITION.

Senator SUMNER was waited on some time ago by a prominent member of the Cuban Junta in reference, of course, to the insurrection in that country. Mr. SUMNER gave the reasons why, in his opinion, the United States should not recognize the insurgents. "Then you are afraid of Spain," said the Cuban. "That is not a fair way of putting it," replied Mr. SUMNER. "I am not afraid of Spain, but I love my own country, to give you a more selfish answer. The power of Spain is not to be despised. Her navy is almost as large as our own, and we know from experience what the Confederates, who numbered only 11,000,000 of people, were able to do both on land and on sea, and the population of Spain is 18,000,000. But, apart from all these physical considerations, I do not think it internationally just to recognize the rebellion at the present time. The hour may come when we can do so consistently with our relations to the whole civilized world, but no lawyer who understands the question, and no statesman, believes that we could maintain our dignity and honor and take this course under existing circumstances."

THE TARIFF.

The Ways and Means Committee are literally run down by the advocates of special interests, and will have hard work to get the Tariff bill into the House this week, although they will endeavor to do so. They will to-morrow probably ask leave to sit during the sessions of the House in order to complete the bill this week.

DEPOSITARY NATIONAL BANKS.

The following is an extract from a letter from the United States Treasurer to a depositary national bank:

> The Treasurer claims and will exercise the right to overdraw his account with a depositary national bank by draft or otherwise, to such an extent as to bring the indebtedness of the bank to the United States within the limit of its securities, whenever its aggregate indebtedness to the Government and its officers shall exceed such securities.

It is evident that in no other manner can the Government be protected from the risk of loss. The risk is the same whether the deposits stand to the credit of the Treasurer, or of disbursing officers, and the Treasurer is, in both cases, equally bound to protect the interests of the Government by bringing the indebtedness of the bank to the United States within the limit of its securities.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND MR. HOAR.

The statement that Chief Justice CHASE and other members of the Supreme Court have expressed themselves in favor of Judge HOAR's confirmation, does not appear to be well founded. From the best information that can be obtained, it does not appear that they have said anything about it, which is becoming to their position.

RETURNING CONGRESSMEN.

The trains this morning brought quite a large number of Congressmen on their return from their holiday recess. The number here, however, is scarcely equal to a quorum of the House, though that may be the case before noon of to-morrow. There does not appear to be any great enthusiasm for work among members, and there is every indication of a long session.

OUR RELATIONS TO CUBA AND CANADA.

There is authority for the statement that measures are now being matured which, it is expected, will have an important effect on our foreign policy, and help to settle many of the questions now occupying so large a share of the public attention. Reference is more particularly made to Cuba and the Winnipeg rebellion, and a solution of all the difficulties of this character is by no means as improbable or far distant as may appear. The exact nature of these measures and negotiations is for very obvious reasons kept a matter of profound secrecy at present, but it is expected that they will have assumed such shape within the next few weeks as will warrant their publication.

MR. HOAR AND THE SENATE.

As time passes and the discussion on the prospects of Mr. HOAR's confirmation are talked about, we get inklings of some of the stormy scenes which took place in the secret meeting of the Senate during the Executive Session, when he was laid on the table. It appears that Mr. SUMNER spoke no less than three times in favor of the confirmation. First he argued the question, then he entreated, and finally he was acrimonious and severe. In the course of his last speech he said that a spirit of revenge and vindictiveness had entered the Chamber. Mr. HOWARD of Michigan, jumped to his feet and called Mr. SUMNER to order. A scene of confusion ensued. The Vice-President fumbled over the Manual. Mr. SUMNER asked Mr. HOWARD to take the words down and have them read, smiling pleasantly at the Michigan Senator at the same time, as much as to say to him, "You will find that I am in order." Finally Mr. HOWARD withdrew his objection, and thus ended the storm.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

SAN DOMINGO.

The following abstract of the proposed treaty for the annexation of the Republic of San Domingo to the United States is, in a few particulars, more complete than that printed in the TIMES on Saturday morning:

First—The United States stipulate to pay the sum of $1,500,000.

Second—This money is to be devoted to the liquidation of all the obligations of the Republic of San Domingo, including the assumption of the currency, which is represented to be of comparatively small amount.

Third—In case the obligations to be assumed by the United States shall exceed the before-mentioned sum of $1,500,000, the public lands of San Domingo are pledged as security for the excess.

Fourth—The liquidation of the obligations is to be intrusted to Commissioners, one to be appointed by each of the contracting parties.

Fifth—In consideration of the discharge of these obligations, San Domingo cedes to the United States all ports, docks, custom houses and all other public buildings, arsenals, &c., and complete jurisdiction over the territory.

Sixth—San Domingo to be annexed or acquired as a Territory, and not as a State, and subject to the legislation of Congress in the same manner as the Territories of the United States.

Seventh—The treaty to be valid to all intents and purposes, when ratified by the Senate of the United States, and confirmed by the vote of the majority of the citizens of San Domingo.

LOPEZ'S SON.

There is much said with regard to the visit of the son of President LOPEZ to this city. The truth is he has come hither to represent the interests of his father, and to induce the Administration to renew diplomatic intercourse with Paraguay. The principal obstacles in the way of such renewal is the uncertainty of the present locality of LOPEZ, it not being positively known whether he is in his own or some other territory, and that at about the same time young LOPEZ arrived here, information was received that the Allies were the masters of Paraguay, and therefore the Lopez Government was no longer in practical existence.

THE SUCCESSOR OF JUDGE GRIER.

There is no doubt that Hon. WILLIAM STRONG, of Pennsylvania, will, according to the present intention of the President, be nominated to the Senate as the successor of Associate Justice GRIER, for which place the late Mr. STANTON was confirmed. The nomination may not be transmitted to the Senate for several weeks, as Mr. GRIER will not retire from his position until the 1st of February.

A MISSOURI LEVEE.

Through the efforts of Representative ROGERS, of Arkansas, arrangements have been consummated with heavy New-York capitalists, whereby the work of making a levee down the west bank of the Missouri, from the high lands of Missouri to the mouth of the St. Francis River, in Arkansas, will be immediately commenced and vigorously prosecuted to completion. The plan is to build a railroad, the bed of which shall be a solid embankment, thus securing a substantial levee, by individual enterprise and such State aid as may be granted, without waiting for or asking assistance from the National Government.

A SHIPPING NOTICE.

The Department of State has received from the Consulate at St. Helena the following:

> On and after June 30, 1870, the commercial code of signals, exclusively, will be used at the signal station at Ladder Hill in making of answering signals to and from the passing shipping.
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> By command of H. H. JANICH,
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> Colonial Secretary, St. Helena.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

The following is a copy of a letter lately sent to the Postmaster-General:

> TEMPORARY OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1870.
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> SIR: I have the satisfaction to inform you that we have this day agreed upon the terms and conditions with the builders for the construction of our two first steamships, and that two more shall follow. The dimensions of these are 360 feet length, 45 feet width, 32 feet depth; the interior arrangements to be in accordance with the drawings which I had the honor to show you in October last. Speed to be twenty-five miles per hour in smooth water, a capability to cross the ocean in fair weather in 6[illegible] days, and an average time of [illegible] days. They are all to be built of iron, double in form, having all the provisions for safety which were named as requisites at our interview in October. I have the honor to be, with great respect,
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> Your obedient servant,
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> AMBROSE W. THOMPSON, President.
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> To Hon. J. A. J. CRESWELL, Postmaster-General.

THE RUSSIAN EXHIBITION.

The following letter has been received at the Department of State:

> CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES, RIGA, Russia, Nov. 20, 1869.
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> SIR: In the latest American newspapers that have arrived here there is an extract from the proceedings of the National Commercial Convention, in which it is stated that Commissioners will be sent to the Universal Russian Exposition, at St. Petersburg, in May, 1870, and asking for samples and articles for exhibition. It is there intimated that these Commissioners will be named by the President. I deem it my duty to inform you that this Exposition is not universal, but is simply an exhibition of Russian products and manufactures solely. Foreign articles will not be admitted. There is therefore no necessity for the appointment of the Commissioners proposed, unless the Government wishes to have special intelligence by experts on the ordinary articles of Russian production.
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> I have the honor to be, &c.
>
> (Signed,) EUGENE SCHUYLER, United States Consul.
>
> To Hon. HAMILTON FISH.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

The one hundred and twenty-third concert of the Philharmonic Society, and the second of the present season, was given at the Academy of Music on Saturday night, when, with commendable fidelity, the following programme was submitted: Part I.—Symphony, in C, (first time in America,) HAYDN. 1. Largo. 2. Andante con moto. 3. Allegro vivace. 4. Più mosso) Concerto, in D major, for the violin, (first part,) MOZART, with orchestral accompaniment, Herr OLE BULL; Second Concerto, for pianoforte and orchestra, F minor, CHOPIN, Mr. S. B. MILLS. Part II.—Overture, "King Lear," BERLIOZ; Fantasia, from the opera of "Romeo," BELLINI, composed and performed by Herr OLE BULL; Overture, "Jubel," WEBER. To this chaste and, classically speaking, almost unexceptionable entertainment, a numerous audience gave close attention and moderate applause. The house was in most parts uncomfortably full, although some private boxes remained empty. The heat was excessive—a state of things charming no doubt to bloodless and fleshless people, but not so delightful to unfortunates of average healthy condition. The problem of ventilating our theatres and public halls has yet to be solved. An atmosphere which resembles neither that of an ice-well nor an oven should somehow be made possible. In a climate of violent extremes this, of course, is not easy, but it is the American fashion to conquer difficulties, and that of steadily combining agreeable warmth with a fair share of oxygen may, we trust, be classed ere long among our achievements.

Repeated hearings are essential to the formation of an intelligent opinion of HERR RAFF'S symphony. It was played at this concert for the first time in America, and played remarkably well. The Philharmonic orchestra was heard, as we think, to better advantage in it than in any previous work of the season. The symphony is full of talent, of profound learning, of quaint and sparkling turns of expression, but it is not the production of a man of decided originality or genius. It reminds one too often and too unmistakably of the composer's teachers and exemplars. Familiarity will doubtless lead to a recognition of beauties that escape us now. At present our impression is that of a paucity and attenuation of melodic effect, in spite of the easy and flowing character that pervades nearly the whole of the composition. There are judges whose views are entitled to respect, who credit RAFF with first-rate powers. We do not think this symphony, admirable as in parts it is, justifies so exalted an estimate. Whatever the scale of his merits, he could not well have been better interpreted than he was on this occasion. The orchestra did themselves abundant credit by the delicacy, feeling and sympathetic accord with which they described the various movements.

Mr. BULL delighted the public by his masterly performance of MOZART's Concerto. The magnetism of this violinist's presence seems to do nearly as much for him as his professional skill. We do not think this occasion was among his most inspired ones. Yet the old charm was never lacking—the charm wherewith he binds together wondrous execution with dreamy poetic feeling, and his bow was as ever with his audience simply an enchanter's wand. The subsequent fantasia from BELLINI's "Romeo," the most "popular" number of the evening, was received with great approbation, and Mr. BULL was of course recalled after each of his selections. The exquisitely symmetrical concerto in F minor of CHOPIN was played by Mr. S. B. MILLS in a manner worthy of itself—praise which no hyperbole could surpass. The passion and imagination of this splendid composition can only be felt and depicted by a kindred spirit, and we have scarcely heard Mr. MILLS sustain his claim to the highest position in his sphere so clearly and undeniably as he did on Saturday. The second part of the programme was ushered in by the "King Lear" overture of BERLIOZ. We can conceive what a composer must almost inevitably try to indicate in an attempt of this sort, but the meaning of BERLIOZ hardly comports with this or aught else that is intelligible. The music of madness must have method in it, or at least coherence enough to retain attention and interest. Mere power over instruments no more than mere power over words implies capacity for the grandest reaches of art. Either are but the counters or representatives of ideas, and not the ideas themselves. The orchestration of "King Lear," scientifically fine as it is, cannot alone make it a great work. Its general effect is confused and disappointing—teaching us nothing and reminding us of nothing unless, indeed, it be the German metaphysician's definition of the universe, which, according to him, is: "Nothing, smashed up."

The second concert for the season of the Philharmonic Society, must be set down as decidedly better one than the first. It was, that is to say, of a higher grade and presented features less obnoxious to question. On the other hand it was, as a whole, duller than its predecessor, and offered fewer points of interest and variety. These elements are required in a measure that the directors apparently fail to perceive, in order to make the Philharmonic Concerts in all respects what they should be.

Theatrical.

THE THEATRES TO-NIGHT.

Mr. FECHTER and Miss CARLOTTA LECLERCQ make their first appearance in this country at Niblo's Theatre, this evening. The house will of course be crowded to suffocation, and, in all probability, by the most intelligent and cultured audience assembled since the opening night of Booth's. "Ruy Blas" is the play. Mr. FECHTER is to represent *Ruy Blas*; Miss LECLERCQ, the *Princess*; Mrs BRADSHAW the *Duchess*; Mr. SHEWELL, *Don Salluste*; Mr. BANGS, *Don Cæsar*, and Mr. T. E. MORRIS the *Marquis de Santa Cruz*. At Wallack's, "Guy," Mr. BOUCICAULT's semi-spectacular piece, is to be given, with fresh scenery and accessories. Mr. LESTER WALLACK fills in it the part he "created" here in this very attractive work. At Wood's, "Ixion" will be reproduced by the associated blondes. Mr. MACE commences a brief engagement of the Bowery. The bills elsewhere show no change of importance.

The Case of Caldwell—His Escape From the Court Room in Montreal.

From the Montreal Witness, Jan. 5.

According to the decision of Justices BADGLEY and MONOK yesterday, the prisoner CALDWELL was remanded back to jail that he might be brought before Mr. Judge of Sessions COUSSOL this morning, for further examination under the new warrant issued against him on the deposition of MENCIER, of New-York, who charges CALDWELL with forging signatures to a bill of exchange.

At 11 o'clock this morning the prisoner, R. T. CALDWELL, in accordance with the remand, was brought up before Mr. Judge COUSSOL for deposal, when the Court, instead of beginning to take evidence, delivered judgment in the case, in substance as follows:

"On the 27th December last, I remanded the prisoner CALDWELL for eight days, the longest time for which, under the law, I could do so. I would be necessary. During that time CALDWELL was brought before a Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench in Chambers, under a writ of habeas corpus, and as no bill filed by me was produced, it is true, the Judge, Mr. Justice BADGLEY, has seen fit to release the prisoner by a decision against which I have no power to appeal. It is true, the Judge, Mr. Justice BADGLEY, has assigned a reason for his decision, but I appeal to a higher court against the decision in Chambers, which it is not for me to criticise, that this may be objected to as irregular, and therefore I discharge the prisoner on the complaint of Mencier."

There were a number of people in the Court room at the time of the rendering of the above judgment, and CALDWELL, as soon as he was discharged, rose from his chair, walked across to the petit jury box and made his exit by the door on the south side of the Bench, and which leads to the Civil Chambers in the western end of the building. In a minute afterwards the High Constable, and several officers were running about the building in search of CALDWELL, but no CALDWELL could be found. Chief MCLAUGHLIN was at once notified of his escape, and ten men of the Government Detective service scattered around the Centre House Station, awaiting the advent of CALDWELL while the search was being prosecuted through the interior. Up to 12:30 he had not been found.

EDWIN M. STANTON.

His Life and Distinguished Services—Personal Recollections of an Intimate Friend.

Judge WILLIAM JOHNSTON, of Cincinnati, delivered before the Bar of that city on Friday evening an able, thorough and noteworthy address upon the life, services and character of EDWIN M. STANTON, from which we make the following extracts:

HIS CALUMNIATORS.

Instead of following our departed brother through a practice of five and twenty years, and depicting scenes familiar to every lawyer, allow me to notice some of the bad traits that have been said of him since death has taken away his power to defend himself on account of personal and selfish ambition. If he had not proved his sincerity and his race so well in the time of trial, I should have said that the lack of ambition was a defect in his character. During the long protracted reign of the Democratic Party he (STANTON) had many friends who he claimed, were constantly placing his interests in high places, and would have been glad to do them selves honor by numbering him among them. But he never sought for any office or place of honor in this life, and if his country had not called him to the task of a dictator, and committed his aid, he never would have held such a place. Another charge made against Mr. STANTON is that he was a coarse, harsh, cruel man. He had improved but little by the training of dancing masters. He had but little of the suavity of mode. He had a contempt for idle ceremonies, and was sometimes brusque in his manner; but within the outer husk there never was a kindlier nature, or a heart that sympathized with human suffering more. I remember well, when he and I were students, how he and Miss ANNIE GOODNOW, who is many years in Heaven, I trust, entered into a league and organized a brute corps of brothers and sisters of charity, to watch with the sick and relieve the sufferings of the poor.

MORAL HEROISM.

For myself, I should be meaner than his slanderers if I could ever forget the protracted fag through which he watched with me night after night, and cooled my parched lips and sponged my burning temples and administered to all my wants. Nor can I forget that when the Asiatic cholera raged in the City of Columbus, during his residence there, and when almost all else failed them from terror, he was found in the chambers of the dying and the dead, when neither priest nor Levite dared to stay, struggling to save, and soothing the sufferings of the cholera patient. In speaking of this peculiarity of the man, a few years ago, a gentleman informed me that while Mr. STANTON made his home with his mother in Steubenville, and practiced law in Pittsburg, passing backward and forward by steamboat, he had known him one evening when he came on board at Steubenville, to find a poor Irishman, who had fallen through a hatchway and broken his leg, lying on the forecastle with out any one to take care of him. He asked the Captain what it meant, and was informed that the Irishman lived in Pittsburg, and that when he got there he could get his broken leg attended to. Without more ado he went to the carpenter's chest, and borrowed a saw and an axe, took a stool from some place and split it up, set down on the capstan, and with his pocket knife shaved out a set of splints, went to his stateroom, and without saying "by your leave," took the sheet from his bed, tore it up into bandages and rollers, ordered a few sturdy sailors into the service to carry the limping patient down into the hold, and bind the splints and bandages, then went to the cook room and ordered a jug of vinegar and water to steep the broken limb, then sat down beside the sufferer, watched with him and bathed his hurt till the boat arrived at Pittsburg, a distance of ninety miles, and then hired a hack to take the poor Irishman home, and gave his address to the coachman, and told him to report to him at his stateroom, and he would see that the poor man was properly attended to. This was the man who was either coarse, harsh or cruel. I know that the very reverse was his real character.

BUCHANAN'S CABINET.

Another charge which I have heard made against Mr. STANTON is, that while in confidential relations with Mr. BUCHANAN he communicated the secrets of the Administration to Mr. SEWARD, then a leading Republican in the Senate. This is no doubt true, substantially, but then it suggests an historic inquiry as to how Mr. SEWARD came by Mr. BUCHANAN'S Cabinet. This I gather from three sources: The recorded history of the times; the repeated conversations I have had with Mr. STANTON; the account given by Mr. STANTON's brother-in-law, Attorney-General WOLCOTT, who was on the spot, and related the facts to my informant, Judge BRINKERHOFF, a few days after the occurrence. Mr. BUCHANAN'S Cabinet was composed as follows: CASS in the State Department, COBB in the Treasury Department, BLACK in the Law Department, THOMPSON in the Interior Department, FLOYD in the War Department, TOUCEY in the Navy Department, and HOLMES the Postal Department. This Cabinet these were traitors, both active and passive. BUCHANAN was not a traitor himself, but a weak, irresolute old man, bound hand and foot by the active traitors in his Cabinet. FLOYD had dispersed the troops to different and distant points, so as to make unavailable at the capital. TOUCEY had scattered the navy to different and distant parts of the world, so that it could not be collected for months. THOMPSON had stolen about $6,000,000 of Indian bonds, and COBB had the Treasury empty, and the rebels were in arms. The signs of the times were appalling. Ruin was rushing before him in political ruin, and the ghost of the Quitman Treaty lay heavy on his soul. He resigned his office and BLACK was appointed in his place, leaving the Law Department vacant. In addition to other causes of alarm, FLOYD had attempted to ship all the heavy ordnance manufactured at Pittsburg to the South, and was only checked by the rising up of the people and sending a deputation of citizens to Washington to inform the President and enter their protest against the movement. In this extremity Mr. BUCHANAN sent for Mr. STANTON, and asked him what he thought about the signs of the times. The answer was prompt and emphatic: "Tell you what I think of them, sir, I think we are sleeping on the crater of a volcano. The ground is moved all around and under you, and ready to explode, and, without prompt and energetic action, you will be the last President of the United States." "Mr. STANTON," said the feeble old man, "for God's sake come and help me. The Attorney-General's office is vacant, will you accept it." "If you desire my help, I will," was the reply. The first day was passed in ferreting out the grand larceny of THOMPSON on the Indian fund; and, when the Cabinet met in the evening, Mr. STANTON was late in coming. When he entered, FLOYD was pacing the floor and gesticulating furiously in the tempest and whirlwind of speech against somebody who had cut down his flag staff, broken off the trunions of his guns, and cut up and burned his wheels, and so on. Mr. STANTON sat down without uttering a word, or pretending to understand what was up. When FLOYD made a pause, the question was propounded, "Mr. Attorney-General, what do you think about it?" "About what?" said Mr. STANTON. "About Major ANDERSON breaking upcamp at Fort Moultrie, and going into Fort Sumter?" "The most glorious event since the 4th of January, 1861. It has stirred the hearts of every loyal man in the nation." "What," said FLOYD, "an officer of the army violating his orders?" "What orders?" said STANTON. "Did you, Mr. President, give orders to Major ANDERSON to remain in that old, dilapidated fort, surrounded by a population in a hostile attitude? Is it violable?" "No," said Mr. BUCHANAN, "I gave no such orders." "Did you know of any such orders being given?" "No, Sir; I never heard of it before." "Then," said STANTON, "the man that gave such orders ought to be hanged on a gallows higher than Haman's." Here THOMPSON interrupted to rebuke the insolence of so new a man in the Cabinet. "Mr. THOMPSON," said STANTON, "I have been here long enough to find out that you have stolen $6,000,000 of Indian bonds, and expect to stay here till I see you punished for it." And then the tempest rose and raged till midnight, when the meeting broke up, and next morning COBB, FLOYD and THOMPSON resigned. And thus in a single night this young Hercules in the cradle had choked to death three foe constrictors who had coiled around and were pressing to death his feeble old friend. There were now at least two honest men—STANTON and HOLT—in the Cabinet, three vacancies. Five more vacancies were filled I do not recollect, further than this, that through the influences of STANTON and HOLT, JOHN A. DIX was placed at the head of the Treasury Department, and no man ever had three more powerful or reliable supporters. There is reason to believe, and I for one do believe, that, but for the bold stand taken by Mr. STANTON on that memorable evening, Mr. LINCOLN never would have been inaugurated in Washington. The knives of the assassins were already whetted, and he would inevitably have been murdered. But the active measures being driven from the Cabinet, General SCOTT collected together a few soldiers and marines to the number of about a thousand, and secured the peace in fair weather to Mr. LINCOLN and his friends. They are all to be built of iron, double in form, having all the provisions for safety which were named as requisites at our interview in October. I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

AMBROSE W. THOMPSON, President.

To Hon. J. A. J. CRESWELL, Postmaster-General.

THE RUSSIAN EXHIBITION.

The following letter has been received at the Department of State:

> CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES, RIGA, Russia, Nov. 20, 1869.
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> SIR: In the latest American newspapers that have arrived here there is an extract from the proceedings of the National Commercial Convention, in which it is stated that Commissioners will be sent to the Universal Russian Exposition, at St. Petersburg, in May, 1870, and asking for samples and articles for exhibition. It is there intimated that these Commissioners will be named by the President. I deem it my duty to inform you that this Exposition is not universal, but is simply an exhibition of Russian products and manufactures solely. Foreign articles will not be admitted. There is therefore no necessity for the appointment of the Commissioners proposed, unless the Government wishes to have special intelligence by experts on the ordinary articles of Russian production.
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> I have the honor to be, &c.
>
> (Signed,) EUGENE SCHUYLER, United States Consul.
>
> To Hon. HAMILTON FISH.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

The one hundred and twenty-third concert of the Philharmonic Society, and the second of the present season, was given at the Academy of Music on Saturday night, when, with commendable fidelity, the following programme was submitted: Part I.—Symphony, in C, (first time in America,) HAYDN. 1. Largo. 2. Andante con moto. 3. Allegro vivace. 4. Più mosso) Concerto, in D major, for the violin, (first part,) MOZART, with orchestral accompaniment, Herr OLE BULL; Second Concerto, for pianoforte and orchestra, F minor, CHOPIN, Mr. S. B. MILLS. Part II.—Overture, "King Lear," BERLIOZ; Fantasia, from the opera of "Romeo," BELLINI, composed and performed by Herr OLE BULL; Overture, "Jubel," WEBER. To this chaste and, classically speaking, almost unexceptionable entertainment, a numerous audience gave close attention and moderate applause. The house was in most parts uncomfortably full, although some private boxes remained empty. The heat was excessive—a state of things charming no doubt to bloodless and fleshless people, but not so delightful to unfortunates of average healthy condition. The problem of ventilating our theatres and public halls has yet to be solved. An atmosphere which resembles neither that of an ice-well nor an oven should somehow be made possible. In a climate of violent extremes this, of course, is not easy, but it is the American fashion to conquer difficulties, and that of steadily combining agreeable warmth with a fair share of oxygen may, we trust, be classed ere long among our achievements.

Repeated hearings are essential to the formation of an intelligent opinion of HERR RAFF'S symphony. It was played at this concert for the first time in America, and played remarkably well. The Philharmonic orchestra was heard, as we think, to better advantage in it than in any previous work of the season. The symphony is full of talent, of profound learning, of quaint and sparkling turns of expression, but it is not the production of a man of decided originality or genius. It reminds one too often and too unmistakably of the composer's teachers and exemplars. Familiarity will doubtless lead to a recognition of beauties that escape us now. At present our impression is that of a paucity and attenuation of melodic effect, in spite of the easy and flowing character that pervades nearly the whole of the composition. There are judges whose views are entitled to respect, who credit RAFF with first-rate powers. We do not think this symphony, admirable as in parts it is, justifies so exalted an estimate. Whatever the scale of his merits, he could not well have been better interpreted than he was on this occasion. The orchestra did themselves abundant credit by the delicacy, feeling and sympathetic accord with which they described the various movements.

Mr. BULL delighted the public by his masterly performance of MOZART's Concerto. The magnetism of this violinist's presence seems to do nearly as much for him as his professional skill. We do not think this occasion was among his most inspired ones. Yet the old charm was never lacking—the charm wherewith he binds together wondrous execution with dreamy poetic feeling, and his bow was as ever with his audience simply an enchanter's wand. The subsequent fantasia from BELLINI's "Romeo," the most "popular" number of the evening, was received with great approbation, and Mr. BULL was of course recalled after each of his selections. The exquisitely symmetrical concerto in F minor of CHOPIN was played by Mr. S. B. MILLS in a manner worthy of itself—praise which no hyperbole could surpass. The passion and imagination of this splendid composition can only be felt and depicted by a kindred spirit, and we have scarcely heard Mr. MILLS sustain his claim to the highest position in his sphere so clearly and undeniably as he did on Saturday. The second part of the programme was ushered in by the "King Lear" overture of BERLIOZ. We can conceive what a composer must almost inevitably try to indicate in an attempt of this sort, but the meaning of BERLIOZ hardly comports with this or aught else that is intelligible. The music of madness must have method in it, or at least coherence enough to retain attention and interest. Mere power over instruments no more than mere power over words implies capacity for the grandest reaches of art. Either are but the counters or representatives of ideas, and not the ideas themselves. The orchestration of "King Lear," scientifically fine as it is, cannot alone make it a great work. Its general effect is confused and disappointing—teaching us nothing and reminding us of nothing unless, indeed, it be the German metaphysician's definition of the universe, which, according to him, is: "Nothing, smashed up."

The second concert for the season of the Philharmonic Society, must be set down as decidedly a better one than the first. It was, that is to say, of a higher grade and presented features less obnoxious to question. On the other hand it was, as a whole, duller than its predecessor, and offered fewer points of interest and variety. These elements are required in a measure that the directors apparently fail to perceive, in order to make the Philharmonic Concerts in all respects what they should be.

Theatrical.

THE THEATRES TO-NIGHT.

Mr. FECHTER and Miss CARLOTTA LECLERCQ make their first appearance in this country at Niblo's Theatre, this evening. The house will of course be crowded to suffocation, and, in all probability, by the most intelligent and cultured audience assembled since the opening night of Booth's. "Ruy Blas" is the play. Mr. FECHTER is to represent *Ruy Blas*; Miss LECLERCQ, the *Princess*; Mrs BRADSHAW the *Duchess*; Mr. SHEWELL, *Don Salluste*; Mr. BANGS, *Don Cæsar*, and Mr. T. E. MORRIS the *Marquis de Santa Cruz*. At Wallack's, "Guy," Mr. BOUCICAULT's semi-spectacular piece, is to be given, with fresh scenery and accessories. Mr. LESTER WALLACK fills in it the part he "created" here in this very attractive work. At Wood's, "Ixion" will be reproduced by the associated blondes. Mr. MACE commences a brief engagement of the Bowery. The bills elsewhere show no change of importance.

The Case of Caldwell—His Escape From the Court Room in Montreal.

From the Montreal Witness, Jan. 5.

According to the decision of Justices BADGLEY and MONOK yesterday, the prisoner CALDWELL was remanded back to jail that he might be brought before Mr. Judge of Sessions COUSSOL this morning, for further examination under the new warrant issued against him on the deposition of MENCIER, of New-York, who charges CALDWELL with forging signatures to a bill of exchange.

At 11 o'clock this morning the prisoner, R. T. CALDWELL, in accordance with the remand, was brought up before Mr. Judge COUSSOL for deposal, when the Court, instead of beginning to take evidence, delivered judgment in the case, in substance as follows:

"On the 27th December last, I remanded the prisoner CALDWELL for eight days, the longest time for which, under the law, I could do so. I would be necessary. During that time CALDWELL was brought before a Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench in Chambers, under a writ of habeas corpus, and as no bill filed by me was produced, it is true, the Judge, Mr. Justice BADGLEY, has seen fit to release the prisoner by a decision against which I have no power to appeal. It is true, the Judge, Mr. Justice BADGLEY, has assigned a reason for his decision, but I appeal to a higher court against the decision in Chambers, which it is not for me to criticise, that this may be objected to as irregular, and therefore I discharge the prisoner on the complaint of Mencier."

There were a number of people in the Court room at the time of the rendering of the above judgment, and CALDWELL, as soon as he was discharged, rose from his chair, walked across to the petit jury box and made his exit by the door on the south side of the Bench, and which leads to the Civil Chambers in the western end of the building. In a minute afterwards the High Constable, and several officers were running about the building in search of CALDWELL, but no CALDWELL could be found. Chief MCLAUGHLIN was at once notified of his escape, and ten men of the Government Detective service scattered around the Centre House Station, awaiting the advent of CALDWELL while the search was being prosecuted through the interior. Up to 12:30 he had not been found.

EDWIN M. STANTON.

His Life and Distinguished Services—Personal Recollections of an Intimate Friend.

Judge WILLIAM JOHNSTON, of Cincinnati, delivered before the Bar of that city on Friday evening an able, thorough and noteworthy address upon the life, services and character of EDWIN M. STANTON, from which we make the following extracts:

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The Past Week.

For a week past we have been saying at regular intervals of four and twenty hours that there were no sales at the Exchange yesterday. During the entire week there was not a single public sale effected, and the dullness was shared by the entire market. This exhibits a marked contrast with the Spring week of last year, when operations were exceedingly brisk even for a lively season. Of course a few days may bring about a change, and it is anticipated by the brokers that the season will open in the course of a month with as much vitality as could be expected after the recent lethargy. There is certainly no reason to suppose that the real estate of New-York is not as promising as investment, if the money were free to go into it, as it has been any time within the past five years.

During the present week there are to be several sales at the Exchange, if the present arrangements are realized. On Tuesday there is a Sheriff's sale of several lots on Second-avenue, Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth streets, by MULLER & CO.; a sale of a cottage and lot on One Hundred and Tenth-street by D. M. SEAMAN, and a house on West Forty-fourth-street by A. J. BLEECKER & CO. On Thursday MULLER & CO. dispose of four lots, with buildings thereon, on Fifty-second-street, near Tenth-avenue.

WM. H. RAYNOR reports the sale of two lots, northeside Sixty-third-street, between Eighth-avenue and Boulevard, 25x100.8, at $10,500 each.

Mr. RAYNOR also reports that GEORGE DOUGLAS, Esq., has just refused an absolute offer for four lots, south-east corner Seventy-fifth-street and Fifth-avenue; 102.5 on Avenue, 100 ft. in depth and 2 on rear. Each 25x102.2. Six lots in all of $150,000.

Transfers of Real Estate.

NEW-YORK.

Corlies-st., s. s., Indefinite, 8.12.2x2.2 ..... $100
Monroe-st., b. s., 62.3 ft. e. of Pike-st., 22x18.10x21.6x17.5 12,000
Willett-st., between st. and Rutgers-st., 25x100 45,000
Ludlow-st., e. s., 167 ft. n. w. of Avenue A, 8 in. by 100 1,000
Avenue A, n. s., 42 ft. e. of Avenue D, 12x92 2,000
Ludlow-st., e. s., 125 ft. w. of Jackson-st., 25x100 1,000
Fifth-st., n. s., 181.2 ft. e. of 2d-av., 18x100.5 20,000
Fifth-st., n. s., 225 ft. e. of 2d-av., 22x100.5 4,250
Fifth-st., n. s., 193 ft. e. s. of 10th-av., 20x98.9 1,250
Fifth-st., n. s., 153 ft. e. of 10th-av., 20x98.9 1,250
Fifth-st., n. s., 15 ft. w. of Madison-av., 25x98.9 3,400
Fifth-st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of 2d-av., 18x100 22,000
Fifth-st., n. s., 143 ft. e. of 6th-av., n. and s., 25x100.5 10,000
Fifth-st., n. s., 125 ft. w. of 2d-av., n. and s., 24x100 6,000
Sixth-st., n. s., Indefinite, 25.6x102.2 2,500
Sixth-st., n. s., 425 ft. w. of 2d-av., 18x100.11 18,000
Tenth-st., n. s., 115 ft. e. of 4th-av., 22x98.11 10,500
Tenth-st., n. s., 215 ft. e. of 4th-st., n. and s., 1 in 1, 19.8x98 27,000
Maple-av. (new), 300 ft. n. e. of Elwood-st. (new), 100x200, 11x100x98.9 7,000
Sixth-st., n. s., and 25th-st., n. s., 24x100 4,000
Hudson-st., e. s., 25.5 ft. s. of 10th-st., 25x100 3,100

Leases Recorded.

Broadway, No. 1,213, 3 years, { 1 year, per year $2,000
{ 1 year, per year 2,200
{ 1 year, per year 2,500
Bowery, No. 25, 5 years, per year 5,000
East 11th-st., No. 213, 6 years, per year 3,000

KINGS COUNTY.

Brooklyn.

Baltic and Nevins-sts., n. e. corner, 25x75 ..... $9,000
Bergen-st., n. s., between Smith and Schermerhorn-sts., 25x107.2, June 25, 1869 450
Same property, Jan. 6, 1870 450
Butler-st., n. s., 75 ft. e. of Bond-st., 100x100, deed 1867 3,600
Bolevard-st., n. s., 76.2 ft. e. of Morrell-st., 121.3x115.2x97 4,000
Grand-st., n. s., 119 ft. e. of 1st-st., 119.8x75.6x100.8x75 12,000
Henry-st., w. s., 23 ft. n. of Colonial-st., 23x80 2,000
Herkimer-st. and Columbia-place, s. w. cor., 42x102x irreg.x104 1,625
Hertline-st., n. s., 107 ft. e. of Bushwick-av., 25x100 1,000
Hopkins-st., n. s., 325 ft. e. of Marcy-av., 100x102x100x100 4,000
Main-st., n. s., 75 ft. w. of Water-st., irregular 11.6x22x11 10,000
Powers and Pacific-sts., westerly cor., 175x100 22,000
Rodney-st., e. s., 187 ft. n. of Hooper-st., 24.8x100 4,000
Sands-st., n. s., 104.6 ft. w. of Bridge-st., n. and 1, 20x100.6x irreg. 4,800
Stagg-st., n. s., 140 ft. e. of Lorimer-st., 25x100 2,000
Van Pelt-st., e. s., 100 ft. n. of Fulton-av., 19x70. Rent 3,000
Van Buren-st., n. s., 175 ft. w. of Marcy-av., 25x100 1,250
Van Buren-st., n. s., 175 ft. w. of Stuyvesant-av., 25x100, subject to deed of description 60
Walworth-st., w. s., 100 ft. s. of Tillary-st., 25x100 1,200
Withers-st., n. s., 175 ft. e. of Graham-av., 25.5x100.7x irreg. 2,000
2d-st., n. s., 275 ft. e. of Roebling-st., 25x100 1,500
3d-st., n. s., 25 ft. e. of North 5th-st., 25x100 1,500
North 5th-st., n. s., 75 ft. w. of Leonard-st., 25x100 1,500
North 5th-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of South-st., 25x100 2,750
6th-st., w. s., 80 ft. s. of South 3d-st., 20x100 1,000
7th-st., n. s., 200 ft. e. of 10th-av., 100.2x100 1,600
7th-st., n. s., 300 ft. e. of 10th-av., 100.2x100 1,600
27th-st. and 11th-av., westerly corner, 100x100.2 750
28th-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 11th-av., 25x98.9 1,000
Bedford-av., n. e. s., 40 ft. s. w. of Wilson-st., 20x100 10,000
Washington-st., s. s., 22 ft. e. of Concord-st., 96.2x100 1,000
Hewitt-av., e. s., adjoining Henry Law-st., about 4 acres 10,000
Bolton-av., e. s., 60.11 ft. w. of Navy-st., 22.6x94.8x irreg. 10 1,000
Gates and Tompkins-avs., s. w. cor., 100x100 2,000
Gates-av. and Lewis-st., n. e. cor., 50x83.8x irreg. 1,000
Jane Pier, e. s., 425 ft. s. of Bushwick-av., 25x100 2,775
Meserole-st., n. s., 75 ft. w. of Stephen-av., 25x100 700
Washington and Willoughby-sts., s. w. cor., 50x100 900
Gates-av. and Marcy-st., n. e. cor., 18.8x80 2,000
6th-st., n. s., 225 ft. e. of 3d-av., 25x100 2,000
11th-av., w. s., 62.2 ft. s. of 17th-st., 20x100 2,000
12th-av. and 18th-st., s. w. cor., 100.2x100 2,275

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Greenburg.

Lots Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31, map Henry Sheldon's property $475

Morrisania.

Gerard-st. and Villa-place, s. e. corner, 50x95 ..... $8,500
Courtlandt-av., w. s., 50 ft. north Depew-st., 25x100 2,000
Railroad-av. and Hammond-st., n. e. corner, 100x100 2,000
Mary-st., e. s., 560 ft. s. of Courtlandt-av., 50x100 1,625
Washington-av., w. s., 25 ft. n. of 6th-st., 25x100 2,000

North Salem.

Purdy's Station to Somers' road, s. s., adjoining W. H. Moore's, 65x122 ..... $2,000

New-Castle.

Thomas Niland's property, indefinite $1,400

White Plains.

Lexington-av., e. s., 59 ft. s. of Ridge-st., 100x160 ..... $1,700

West Farms.

Grove-st. and Woodruff-av., easterly corner, 8x110 ..... $600

Yonkers.

Webster-av., e. w. s., 100 ft. w. of Brook-st., 50x100 ..... $2,700
Plot adjoining above, 4x98 ..... }

NEW-JERSEY.

Newark.

James-st., n. s., 79.10 ft. from Sheffield, 20x88 ..... $400
Kossuth-st., n. s., 162 from Chestnut-st., 27x112.6 7,300
S. Market-st., e. s., 54 ft. from Adams-st., 19.4x44 4,625

East Orange.

Mulberry-st., w. s., 100 ft. from William-st., 50.1x117.11 ..... $600

HUDSON COUNTY.

Jersey City.

Jersey-av., s. s., 95.5 ft. e. of 5th-st., 25.5x92 ..... $7,000
Sussex-st., lot No. 6, block No. 65, Powles Hook map, 25x100 2,000
Lot No. 23, block No. 35, Van Vorst map 3,000

Bergen.

Gladsby-st., n. s., 60 ft. e. s. w. of Brunswick-st., 25x100 ..... $4,000
Washington-st., n. w. s., 25 ft. s. w. of Wright-st., 25x100 1,100
S. e. corner of Sixth Van Horn's land, 67x107 12,000

Hoboken City.

Jackson-st., lots Nos. 64 and 65, Washington Village, map No. 2, block No. 64 ..... $6,000
Monroe-av., w. s., 71 ft. s. of Franklin-st., 25x100 800
Lot No. 6, block No. 9, Hoboken City Terrace Company map 800
Lot No. 1, block C, and lot No. 36, block A, Bergenhill map 1,000

Hoboken.

North 1st-st., 40 ft. w. of Clinton-st., 40x80 ..... $15,000

North Bergen.

Lots Nos. 1, 2, block No. 2, Jan. King's property $1,000

Union.

Parsons' lot, No. 37, Springfield map, 20x100 ..... $72
Lot No. 1,110, block No. 2, map of Cottenburg 250

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Trains leave 30th-st. as follows:

8:30 A.M. for Chatham and Chicago express, drawing-room cars attached.
10:20 A.M., day express, drawing-room cars attached.
4:00 P.M. Montreal express, drawing-room cars attached.
6:20 P.M., Pacific express, with sleeping cars through to Chicago without change, via H. C. Railroad, Canada Southern, Michigan Central, and M. C. Railroad, (daily.)
11:00 P.M., night express, sleeping cars attached.
7:00 A.M., 3:30 and 7 P.M., Poughkeepsie trains.
8:00 A.M., for Fishkill, Cold Spring, Cornwall, Newburgh, 3:30 and 6:00 P.M., Fishkill trains.
6:00, 7:30, 9:30 A.M., 12 M., 3, 4:30, 5:30, 7 and 11:30 P.M., Yonkers trains.
(9:30 A.M. to Peekskill on Sundays.)
NOV. 15, 1869. J. M. TOUCEY, Superintendent.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS WILL LEAVE Pier No. 1 foot of Chambers-st. and foot of 23d-st., as follows:

Through Express trains leave Chambers-st. at 9 A.M., 10 A.M. (Sundays 9 A.M.), (daily,) leave 23d-st. at 9:45 A.M., 9:45 A.M., and 2:15 P.M. (daily.) New and improved cars for the accommodation of emigrants leave at 10 A.M. train through to Buffalo, connecting at Hornellsville with magnificent sleeping cars through to Cleveland and Chicago. Sleeping Coaches will accompany the 10 A.M. train from Binghamton to Buffalo, and the 6:00 P.M. train to Rochester, Buffalo and Dunkirk. An Emigrant train leaves daily at 8 P.M.

For Port Jervis and Way, 4:30 P.M. (23d-st. 4:45 P.M.) (Sundays, 4:30 P.M.) Express trains at 7:45 A.M., connecting for Warwick, Montgomery, Guilford, Pine Island and Unionville.

For Middletown and Way, at 7:30 P.M. (23d-st. 3:15 P.M.)

For Otisville and Way at 8:00 A.M. daily, (23d-st. 8:15 A.M.)

For Newburg and Way at 3 A.M., 1:30 and 4:30 P.M. (23d-st. 3 A.M., 1:45 and 4:45 P.M.)

For Suffern and Way, 3 P.M. and 6 P.M.; (23d-st. 6:45 and 8:45 P.M.) Western mail, 9 A.M. (23d-st. 9:15 A.M.)

For Piermont and Way, from 23d-st. Depot, at 6:45 A.M., 11:45 A.M., 3:45 P.M., 5:15 P.M., 6:45 P.M., 8:15 P.M. and 9:45 P.M. From Chambers-st. Depot, at 7 A.M., 9 A.M., 12 M., 2 P.M., 4 P.M., 5:30 P.M., 6:30 P.M., 8 P.M. and 9:30 P.M.

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For Buffalo and Way, from 23d-st. Depot, at 9:45 A.M., 9:45 A.M., and 2:15 P.M. From Chambers-st. Depot, at 10 A.M. (Sundays 9 A.M.) (daily.)

For Dunkirk and Way, at 4:30 P.M. (23d-st. 4:45 P.M.)

For Rochester and Way, at 10 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. (23d-st. 10:15 A.M. and 4:45 P.M.)

For Hornellsville and Way, at 10 A.M. (23d-st. 10:15 A.M.)

For Dansville and Way, at 4:30 P.M. (23d-st. 4:45 P.M.)

For Elmira and Way, at 10 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. (23d-st. 10:15 A.M. and 4:45 P.M.)

For Owego and Way, at 10 A.M. (23d-st. 10:15 A.M.)

For Binghamton and Way, at 10 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. (23d-st. 10:15 A.M. and 4:45 P.M.)

For Oswego and Way, at 10 A.M. (23d-st. 10:15 A.M.)

For Syracuse and Way, at 10 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. (23d-st. 10:15 A.M. and 4:45 P.M.)

For Utica and Way, at 10 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. (23d-st. 10:15 A.M. and 4:45 P.M.)

For Ogdensburg and Way, at 10 A.M. (23d-st. 10:15 A.M.)

For Albany and Way, at 3 A.M., 1:30 and 4:30 P.M. (23d-st. 3 A.M., 1:45 and 4:45 P.M.)

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

St. Ann's Free Church for Deaf Mutes and their friends, Eighteenth-street, near Fifth-avenue, has, through its sisterhood and brotherhood, undertaken a mission work in the chapel on the south side of Eighteenth-street, near Eighth-avenue. The brotherhood of the parish has assumed the rent of the room and other expenses, amounting to between $200 and $300 a year. The brotherhood also desires to assist the rector in caring for the sick and needy. As one method for procuring the necessary means for its work, it has arranged for two lectures to be given in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, corner of Twenty-third-street and Fourth-avenue, at 8 P. M., on Tuesdays, the 11th and 25th of January, 1870, by Rev. WM. H. MILBURN, on the following subjects: "What a Blind Man Saw in Paris." "What a Blind Man Saw in England."

The stockholders of the "Free German School," Nos. 140 and 142 East Fourth-street, held their semi-annual meeting yesterday. Reports were made, showing that the number of pupils in the school averaged 565 during the last six months. They were instructed by eleven teachers, in eleven schoolrooms. The receipts of the school during that period were $6,347 40, chiefly from school money, and the expenditures $6,322 12, mainly for teachers' salaries. Besides the receipts named, $2,600 from the Excise Fund were granted and handed over to the school in November last.

The Young Men's Christian Association have a social gathering of the members and their lady friends this evening, at their new building, Fourth-avenue and Twenty-third-street. Members elect are also invited.

Hon. STEWART L. WOODFORD will give his celebrated lecture on "Phil. Sheridan" this evening, in the West Twenty-third-street Presbyterian Church. The lecture will be free.

Rev. Dr. JOHN HALL, HORACE GREELEY, Rev. Dr. BIRNEY and others, will address the temperance meeting at the Presbyterian Church, (Rev. Dr. MCELROY'S,) corner of Fourteenth-street and Sixth-avenue, this evening. The house should be filled.

EDWARD WARDLOW, 22 years of age, who resides at No. 39 East Thirty-seventh-street, while intoxicated last evening at the Mills House, corner of Fourth-avenue and Twenty-seventh-street, attempted to commit suicide, by stabbing himself in the breast with an oyster knife, but only succeeded in inflicting a slight wound, when he was seized by a companion and prevented from consummating his design. Poverty was alleged as the cause that induced him to make the attempt upon his life.

Skating will commence in earnest to-day at the various rinks, if Jack Frost holds his own. At MACMILLAN'S pond in Fifth-avenue, between Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh streets, it is announced that all is ready for the ladies and gentlemen on runners. The Central Park ponds are not yet prepared for them.

The first annual reception of Ocean Lodge, No. 116, I. O. O. F., of which Mr. CHARLES W. DENWARTS is President, will take place at Irving Hall, next Friday evening. The members of the Grand Lodge are invited to be present, and it is expected to be a brilliant and enjoyable entertainment. Mr. MORTIMER GREEN will act as floor manager.

Before the German Freethinkers' Society, at No. 101 Hester-street, yesterday afternoon, Mr. JACOB SCHOMPERLIN read an Essay, "Origin, Development and Subsequent Decay of Feudalism and Serfdom in Europe in the Middle Ages."

A fine collection of engravings, some 10,000 in number, many of them extremely rare, will be sold at auction by LEAVITT, STEBBINS & Co., at Clinton Hall, this evening.

FRANCISCO ZEPADO, the Cuban who committed the felonious assault on HENRY and MARY LEWIS on Saturday night, as already published, was committed yesterday by Justice DOWLING, to await the result of the injuries.

HENRY HARMAN, who was injured some time ago by a blow on the head from an ax in the hands of Detective HAMILTON, is reported to be in a dangerous condition at the New-York Hospital. The assailant is still in the Tombs, awaiting the result of the case.

ADELINE HOFFMAN, who shot JOSEPH HIRSH in the saloon No. 105 Chatham-street on Wednesday last, was committed yesterday by Justice DOWLING for trial.

CATHARINE GEARY, a native of Ireland, died suddenly yesterday at No. 20 Mulberry-street, without medical attendance. The Coroner was notified to hold an inquest, and also in the like case of JOHN NEVINS at No. 538 West Twenty-ninth-street.

JOHN A. BOLIEN, a German, 70 years of age, died yesterday from injuries received some days ago by being thrown from his wagon in Broadway, near Forty-second-street. Coroner KERNAN held an inquest and a verdict of accidental death was rendered.

BROOKLYN.

An unknown man fell into the river at the foot of Van Brunt-street, on Saturday night, and although efforts were made to rescue him, he was drowned.

D. B. WOODWARD, a carpenter, residing at the corner of Fourth-avenue and Baltic-street, slipped and fell on the sidewalk in Warren-street, on Saturday night, and broke his right leg. He was taken to the City Hospital.

The tailoring shop of M. P. LINDERBERG, No. 242 Clinton-street, was damaged to the extent of $200 by fire on Sunday morning.

The dwelling No. 124 High-street, occupied by ROBERT GATES, was damaged by fire about $100 yesterday afternoon; insured.

In the Forty-ninth Precinct there were 161 street lamps not lighted on Saturday night.

LONG ISLAND.

The contractors of the connection between the South Side Railroad and that part purchased of the Flushing line are pushing the construction of the road bed in a very energetic manner, and will, no doubt, have the connection finished so that the South Side Company can run their trains into Hunter's Point by Spring.

Mrs. HALLETT, of Riverhead, was robbed one day last week of a box of jewelry, while purchasing goods at the store of TERRELL & TAFT. While busy looking at the goods, she placed the box on the counter, and when ready to go no box could be found.

The steel works at East Hampton, which have been closed during the holidays, resumed work on Thursday last.

The citizens of Hempstead and people living along the proposed branch running from the above place to Valley Stream, on the South Side Railroad, are rapidly subscribing for the stock. As things look at present, work will be commenced early in the Spring.

The residents of Port Jefferson have subscribed $9,100 toward the extension of the Northport branch of the Long Island Railroad to that place.

The work on the Sag Harbor branch of the Long Island Railroad is rapidly progressing. It is intended to have trains running into Southampton on the 24th inst.

At the recent corporation meeting at Sag Harbor, it was resolved to petition Congress for the cession of the arsenal building, long disused by the General Government, in this place.

Mr. CHARLICK, President of the Long Island Railroad, has contracted for a fine depot at West Hampton.

Rev. W. H. TAILOR, of Staten Island, has accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church at Greenport.

Rev. WM. H. KNOUSE, of Cutchogue, has accepted a call to the Congregational Church at Deep River, Conn.

Justice SILLIMAN sentenced FANNING, who cut open MULLANY'S head last Friday evening in Flushing, to the County Jail for sixty days, but on account of the pleadings of his mother, let him off with a payment of $25 to MULLANY.

Mrs. BRADY was sentenced by Justice QUARTERMAN to the County Jail for ninety days for breaking windows in College Point, while laboring under a fit of temporary insanity, induced by the use of too much liquor.

NEW JERSEY.

At an early hour yesterday morning the saloon of PETER CONWAY, on Wyckliffe-street, Newark, was broken into and robbed of property valued at $20. Four boys, ranging in age from sixteen to eighteen years, are suspected of the theft. One of them, named DANIEL KELWAY, has been arrested.

The ball is up at BRADY'S immense skating Rink, corner of Montgomery, Henderson and York streets, Jersey City. The establishment has been elegantly fitted up, and a fine band of music has been engaged. At the opening to-night the New-York Skating Club and Mr. SWIFT, ENGLER, MACMILLAN and other experts will exhibit their skill.

The Stephen Monument.

The Steuben Riflemen and the trustees of the Steuben Monument Association of this City met at the Steuben House yesterday afternoon. Mr. SIMON C. KAPPY, the Chairman, made a report with regard to an interview he had with ex-Governor HORATIO SEYMOUR concerning the erection of a monument on the grave of General STEUBEN, near Steubenville, N. Y. He stated that the funds on hand thus far, for the purpose named, consisted of $600 appropriated by the Legislature, and intrusted to ex-Governor SEYMOUR, $925 raised by the Steuben Monument Association in Brooklyn, and $216 made up by the Steuben Riflemen by a festival last Fall. It was received from Governor SEYMOUR that he had taken the matter up, and was in correspondence upon the subject of the monument, by having been further visited by ex-Governor Seymour and General Frank Blair, of Missouri, and Major-General Kautz, of Pennsylvania, and that Kautz had agreed to deliver addresses at the inauguration of the monument. It was resolved that the inauguration take place June 1 next. The meeting then adjourned.

OUR PENITENTIARY SYSTEM.

The Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution—Memorial of the New-York Prison Association.

The memorial of the Prison Association of New-York to the Legislature in favor of an amendment to the Constitution, as to our Penitentiary system, which will be laid on the table of the members next Wednesday, contains many interesting facts, of which we present the following summary:

The Inspectors, in their annual report made Jan. 1, 1869, asked from the Legislature appropriations to the amount of $1,000,000 for the current year, to wit:

For Sing Sing Male Prison	$414,000
For Sing Sing Female Prison	26,175
For Auburn Prison	207,700
For Auburn Insane Asylum	24,750
For Clinton	340,700
Making an aggregate of	$1,000,325

And this, in addition to the earnings at the prisons, which, in 1868, were about $230,000 and would not probably be less in 1869. And they reported that the annual earnings of the prisons fell $163,924 66 short of their ordinary annual expenditures. This financial result, causing our prisons to be a yearly drain upon the State Treasury, is not a sudden event, arising from recent occurrences, but is the legitimate and inevitable result of our pursuit of the same system for more than a quarter of a century. Referring to the second report of the Inspectors (that of last year being the 21st,) it appears that the deficiency in the first year under the existing system (viz. 1848) was $61,540 48, and it has gradually grown to about $250,000. Amidst this continuing and growing result of annual deficiences the question has been ever uppermost: How does it happen that with 2,000 to 3,000 full-grown prisoners, and most of them able bodied and in good health, enough cannot be earned to pay expenses which, at most, do not much exceed $300 to each person?

At one time it was thought that the "contract" plan, whereby the labor of the prisoners could be hired out, would answer. It was tried, but it was supposed to interfere with mechanical industry outside the prisons, and restrictions were thrown around it; and now, after many years of trial with and without such restrictions, it has become nearly, if not quite, the object of making the prisons self-supporting. The crisis growing out of our present condition is so palpable to the Association, that it feels as if it would be wanting in its duty, if it delayed presenting them until those minor matters were looked into; for the annual appropriations for prison purposes are increasing in rapidity and amount to a degree hitherto unknown in the history of the State.

For the past five years they have been as follows:

1865	$904,376 00	1868	$920,320 49
1866	1,000,000 00	1869	1,120,450 15
1867	1,012,726 00		
Forming an aggregate of			$4,257,872 64

This is a statement of legislative appropriations only, which are so much scattered among various acts of the Legislature, and make their appearance on so many different pages of the statute book, that it may not be in all respects a correct account of all the moneys expended for prison purposes. To guard against all error in the matter, we have obtained from the Comptroller the following statement of actual expenditures for the several five years ending on the 30th September, in each year:

1865	$970,320 20	1868	$920,122 17
1866	1,000,000 00	1869	1,147,051 29
1867	986,000 11		
Making an aggregate of			$4,023,493 77

We have five State Prisons—at Sing Sing for males, at Sing Sing for females, at Auburn for the sane, at Auburn for the insane, at Clinton for males, in which, at the beginning of this year, we had 2,800 adult male prisoners. In Sing Sing there were in the male prisons in 1845, 1,400 more prisoners than cells; and in the female prison there have been for ten years more prisoners than cells; at one time (1855) there were fifty-two more prisoners there than cells. This state of things strikes at the very foundation of our boasted "separate" system of prison discipline.

The increase of crime amongst us seems to be greater than the increase of population. In 1847, with a population of about 2,700,000, the number of our State prisoners was 1,431. Now, with a population of about 4,000,000, we have 2,831 prisoners. So, that in that period, the ratio of convicts have increased more than 100 per cent., while the population has increased about 48 per cent. Be that, however, as it may, even if population only keeps pace with crime, it is most evident that it is time to make preparation for a population of about 4,000,000, which may, in the next twenty years, as it has in the past twenty, double the number of our State prisoners, and that by a steady increase.

1. There shall be a Board of Managers of Prisons, to be composed of five members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall hold office for ten years.

2. That Board shall have the charge and supervision of the State Prisons, and have such power and perform such duties in respect to other prisons in the State as the Legislature may prescribe.

3. They shall appoint a Secretary who shall be removable at their pleasure, perform such duties as the Legislature or the Board may direct, and receive a salary to be determined by law.

4. The members of the Board shall receive no compensation other than reasonable traveling and official expenses.

5. The Board shall appoint the warden, clerk, physician and chaplain of each State Prison, and shall have power to remove them for cause, only after an opportunity to be heard, on written charges.

6. All other officers of each prison shall be appointed by the warden thereof and be removable at his pleasure.

7. The Governor may remove any of the managers for malfeasance or neglect of duty, after opportunity to be heard on written charges.

8. The five managers first appointed shall, as the Legislature may direct, be so classified that the term of one shall expire at the end of each two years, during the first ten years.

9. This amendment shall go into effect on the first Monday of January next after its adoption by the people; from and after which date, section 6 of article 5 of the Constitution shall be null and void.

Express Stocks and Carpet-Bag Plantations.

In the case of BIRDSALL vs. JOSLYN, et al., a motion was made before Judge FERDINAND, in the Superior Court, for leave to issue a commission to examine GEORGE WASHINGTON, JAMES K. POLK, both colored, and several other parties in the State of Louisiana. The action was brought by the plaintiff to recover $168,000 for damages caused to him by the defendants converting 800 shares of the express stock of WELLS, FARGO & Co. The plaintiff alleges in his complaint that a "runner" of the defendants advised him to go into some speculation, and finally introduced him to defendants, and on the 20th of January, 1864, defendants loaned to the plaintiff $24,000, the plaintiff at the same time delivering to defendant 800 shares of the Wells, Fargo & Co.'s stock, as collateral security for the loan. The same day, as alleged, the defendants pledged these same 800 shares to W. T. COLEMAN & Co. for a loan of $150,000. In April, the plaintiff, in order to help the defendants, paid $25,000 to the defendants, though the loan was not yet due; but not supposing the defendants to have parted with the stock.

In the latter part of April, 1864, the defendants failed and plaintiff then ascertained that his stock had been pledged. The defendants, in June following, represented themselves as the owners of an interest in the crops growing on two plantations in Concordia Parish, in the State of Louisiana, 800 bales of which was in cotton, together with other crops thereon. The defendants finally succeeded in inducing the plaintiff to give them a release and take an assignment of the defendants' interest in the crops on the Concordia plantations, the proceeds of which resulted in the payment of $2,500 only. Plaintiff subsequently learned that there was not over twenty acres of cotton really gathered on the plantations. The motion is now made with a view to obtain the testimony of parties familiar with the condition and crops of the plantations at the time of the representations of defendants.

The motion was denied with costs.

T. B. ELDRIDGE for plaintiff; BROWN, HALL and VANDERPOEL for defendants.

The Early Martyrs—Lecture by Rev. Dr. Morough.

"The Martyrs" was the subject of a lecture last evening by Rev. WILLIAM P. MOROUGH, D. D., pastor, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Fourteenth-street, near Avenue A. The church was filled to repletion. The proceeds of the lecture are for the benefit of the poor under the care of the Confraternity of St. Vincent de Paul, and the sum realized for this charitable object must be large. The lecturer began by portraying the horrible condition, spiritually considered, of the world when our Saviour sent abroad His twelve disciples to carry the truths of Christianity among the nations; and the gigantic obstacles against which they had to contend in overturning the paganism which then prevailed. He alluded to the labors of St. Peter in Rome, where he took up his residence in the house of Senator Pudens, a Roman dignitary who had become a convert to Christianity, and in which city the persecution of Christians began A. D. 64. He briefly described the varied horrible torments that were inflicted on the early believers by the Emperors NERO, TRAJAN, ADRIAN and their successors down to and including DIOCLESIAN, at the close of whose reign these bloody persecutions were ended by the accession of CONSTANTINE, the first Christian Emperor. He spoke, too, of the Catacombs of Rome and of the country round about, where those early Christians, persecuted, hunted, and put to death in all ways that refined cruelty could invent, sought refuge from the tyranny of paganism, and found a place where they could, down in the bowels of the earth, celebrate the divine mysteries of religion. In many of these are yet to be seen the altars erected for the performance of Christian rites. Six millions of Christians, it is estimated, laid down their lives for the faith during the 300 years of persecution which was set on foot by the infamous NERO. In closing, the lecturer drew a striking contrast between the church, harassed but vigorous over the civilized world to-day, and the church of the early days. He said a Christian was certain to triumph ultimately. The lecture was replete with historic incident, and was delivered in a most impressive manner. Many of the audience expressed their desire for its repetition.

Charity for All—Tenderness Praise for Seventy Stanton—Sermon by Rev. Henry Ward Beecher.

Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER took for the text of his discourse, last evening, the story of Zacchaeus, the Roman tax collector, of small stature but large means, who climbed a sycamore tree to get a sight of the Saviour as he passed through the streets of Jericho. Zacchaeus was a man of bad repute among the people who paid taxes in those days, but on better acquaintance was found to possess some admirable qualities. From this fact the speaker drew the lesson that those men are not the worst who are looked upon with greatest disfavor among their fellow citizens. Men who are regarded as hard and stern, and even mean and dishonorable, are often found to be personally very agreeable men. This was doubtless the case with many political leaders who are maligned by newspapers and held up to the public as monsters of unscrupulousness and brutality. It was curious, he said, to read the biographies of some of these men after their death, when the world made haste to do them justice, and gave them credit for as many virtues as they had formerly found vices or weaknesses in their character. Take as an eminent instance the late Mr. STANTON. Six months ago he was represented as the rudest and most bearish of men. One would have thought that he had no heart at all, and yet no sooner was he dead than the newspapers were gushing with letters and anecdotes showing the tenderness and gentleness of his nature. He was likely to go down to posterity as a man whose heart and sensitive feelings were the prominent traits of his character. A good deal was heard of the corruptions of the Ring and the unscrupulous character of the men who manage our local affairs, and yet he did not doubt that if any one were to get inside of the Ring he would find there men of the purest character, and of sterling integrity—men who in their private relations possessed the greatest sweetness and tenderness of character. He had no misgivings for the City Hall of the neighboring Metropolis, and did not suppose that those who traded in justice there were worthy a place on the calendar of Saints; but yet he did not believe they were anything like so bad as they were represented to be. He did not think the Tweeds and Sweeds, but believed men should look more at the good qualities of their neighbors, and not be so ready to condemn them as totally devoid of merit.

Perilous Times—Fraud, Divorce and Gambling.

Rev. J. M. STURTEVANT, Jr., acting pastor of the Congregational Church, worshiping at Rutgers Institute, preached yesterday morning from the words "In the last days perilous times shall come." (2d Timothy, iii., 1.) It was, he said, strange that Paul, writing in the days of persecution, when Christians were constantly exposed to scourging, imprisonment and death, should point forward to these later times as the perilous ones. He proceeded to show how a Christian civilization increased the perils as well as the power of the Church, by opening to good men scenes of business and pleasure from which they were formerly excluded, by the perversion of science and free inquiry, by the legal forms and Christian names given to vice, and finally by a formalism which could not have existed in the early Church. There were no doubt frauds and breaches of trust in the old times, but these things were not looked for in a Church that had left all things for its faith in God. The Roman practice in reference to divorce was perhaps as bad as ours, but it was not done under the sanction of a nominally Christian government and a so-called Christian public opinion. He had heard a deacon rebuke the boys of the Sabbath School for gambling with marbles, and tickets for a Chicago gift enterprise in his pocket. The ancients believed that Jonah was carried to Nineveh by the whale, around by way of Gibraltar and Cape Horn. He would sooner believe it, than that imitating the maxims and practices of the world would carry the Church master to Heaven.

Navy Yard Intelligence.

An order has been received at the Navy Yard, directing that fifty sailors be enlisted for one year to do the ordinary labor of the yard, and that they be paid $20 per month besides rations. The men already enlisted under this order are above middle age. The Government seems it just to confer such favors as it may have at its disposal upon old United States tars and marines.

The pilot house of the Roanoke, iron-clad, was taken ashore a day or two ago.

The Benicia is about ready to sail for China.

A dispatch 14th instant, from Gardiner, arrived from Boston a few nights since.

One hundred and thirty-two sailors have been ordered on board the United States storeship Onward.

The second-class steam frigate Pawhatan arrived on Saturday, and is off off the Battery. Twenty-eight marines arrived at the Navy Yard from Philadelphia on Friday evening last and were sent to the barracks. They were under command of First Lieutenant KNOX.

Since Wednesday last the Admiral's new flag has been floating from the masthead of the Franklin. Instead of the old blue flag, with two stripes, it consists of white and red stripes, without the look or field of blue as heretofore. The flags of Commodore, Captain, etc., have also been altered by order of Admiral PORTER.

It is reported that Admiral PORTER is to sail for Europe about the 1st of June next. Before that time the uniform of the marines and their officers will undergo a change. It is intended that the pantaloons are to be dark blue, with a red stripe. This, it is said, will be the fifth change made since the close of the war.

Funeral of James Logan No. 2.

Some excitement prevailed among certain classes in the City yesterday, a rumor having spread the unseen intention that the remains of JAMES LOGAN No. 2 were about to be removed to their final resting-place. Multitudes of interested and disinterested persons had gathered to witness the funeral procession, which passed at 3 P. M. from Bellevue Hospital down Broadway, and formed an immense column, in the centre of which moved the hearse, and on either side of it the dreary cortège marched four abreast in front and rear of the remains. The procession was composed in the major portion of the veriest roughs and rowdies of the metropolitan slums. The friends and sympathizers, who were legion, wore the badge and sign of insignia with the willow, under which was inscribed "JAMES LOGAN." This created much sensation among the multitude of the populace, of all ages and both sexes, who were spectators as one of the most remarkable funerals that has for a long time crossed the streets of this City. The body was taken by the Fulton Ferry to Greenwood Cemetery.

Fire in the Hay—A Tugboat Burned.

Yesterday morning, about 11 o'clock, while the tugboat Jonathan Chase, Captain DALTON, was returning to the City, after having towed the bark Mendota as far as Quarantine, when off Robins Reef Lighthouse, fire was discovered breaking out from around the steam chimney. The alarm made all officers to extinguish the fire, but the wind was blowing so strong they were unable to stop its headway. They launched a boat, and were picked up by the Staten Island ferry boat Newfoldes, Captain FREELAND, and brought to the City. The burning tug was afterwards towed by the tug Uncas to the Jersey flats.

Judge Smith's Decision in the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Case—Card of Messrs. McFarland and Meade.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In most of the daily morning papers of this City issued on the 6th inst., there appeared what purported to be a statement of General MARCENDALE, which was to be used on a motion to be made in the Susquehanna Railroad case, at Albion, in the County of Orleans, on the 20th inst., to vacate the judgment of Justice R. DARWIN SMITH, entered therein.

The numerous errors in the General's production indicate that portions of it are, for some reason, suppressed. That statement did have no possible legal pertinence on the hearing of the motion in which it is proposed to be used, and could not, therefore, have been embraced in the motion papers, and necessarily furnished for publication to the daily press of this City of New-York before the service thereof upon the attorneys for Mr. RAMSEY, to whom they were addressed, except for the evident and intentional motive and design of defaming Judge R. DARWIN SMITH'S character as a man and as a Judge.

As we the undersigned are named in that statement in connection with the Judge, and with the proceedings on the occasion of the entry of judgment in the case lately tried before his Honor Judge SMITH, at the City of Rochester, we feel called upon, in justice to that upright Magistrate, and, so far as we the public, to state, as the truth is, that every word, sentence and intimation in the statement of the distinguished General, imputing to Judge SMITH, by innuendo or otherwise, any irregularity, unfairness, partiality, or any proceedings or conduct upon his part unbecoming a Judge, are, so far as we are concerned, false; and so far as we have any knowledge, attorney and locality juies and grounds, false.

In relation to Judge SMITH'S conduct, or in relation to the correctness of his conclusions in this matter, in so far as they affect the parties to the suit, we leave them to take care of themselves and of their rights in the manner prescribed by law, believing, however, that Judge SMITH'S decision will stand as the judgment of the Supreme Court, and the final determination as to the rights of the parties and counsel in the litigation, and that it will be sustained for its personal integrity, and for its impartial and unbiased judgment, and that no unfounded, unprincipled, and untruthful imputations upon the integrity of a Judge whose character is above suspicion, as are contained in the statement of General MARCENDALE, the binding sentinel of JAMES FISK, Jr., in this controversy.

E. C. MOAK,
JOHN H. MCFARLAND.

ALBANY, Friday, Jan. 7, 1870.

AN INTERESTING SUIT.

A Case Involving $100,000 Worth of Property.

From the Detroit Free Press, Jan. 6.

An important suit in chancery has recently been decided by Judge SUTHERLAND, in the Bay Circuit. The litigation which culminated in this suit has lasted several years, and the facts developed are interesting, and more than a little out of the ordinary course. The history of the transaction in brief is somewhat as follows:

In 1861 the late NELSON P. STEWART, of this city, claimed to be owner and was in possession of the property in dispute, which is called the "Drake Mill property," and consists of about forty-four acres of land on the Saginaw River, opposite Bay City, in Wenona, and upon which there is a steam saw mill. STEWART'S title of record was defective, owing to the fact that certain deeds relating thereto had never been recorded, so that by the record he appeared to own only two-fifths of the premises. ELISHA G. LITCHFIELD held a mortgage given by STEWART upon this other property for $6,000, Sept. 12, 1861, while in possession of the mill upon said premises. STEWART was stricken with paralysis, and lingered along until June, 1862, when he died. In May, 1863, STEWART'S equity of redemption in the property covered by the Litchfield mortgage was sold by a receiver, to whom STEWART had executed an assignment under a decree upon a judgment creditor's bill in the United States Court, and at the sale LITCHFIELD became the purchaser. Short time prior to this, DANIEL BURNS and JOHN DRAKE, were installed at Bay City, having discovered the action in STEWART'S recorded title, obtained quit-claim deeds from the parties appearing to have the title of record to three-fifths of the property in dispute, and under cover of this title went into possession of the mill, which had remained vacant since the fall of 1861, when STEWART was taken sick, as above stated. LITCHFIELD commenced ejectment suit in the United States Court, September, 1863, against BURNS & DRAKE, to get possession of the premises.

This case was tried in July, 1864, resulting in a verdict and judgment for LITCHFIELD for four-fifths of the property. LITCHFIELD then filed a bill in chancery to obtain conveyance from BURNS & DRAKE of the remaining one-fifth, and in due course obtained a decree in his favor to that effect. BURNS & DRAKE made a new trial under the statute by payment of costs in the ejectment suit. The next term of the Court was to commence Nov. 1, 1864. On Sept. 6, 1864, BURNS purported for record at the Register's office of Bay County a deed dated Sept. 13, 1861, (prior to the assignment to the receiver,) purporting to be executed by STEWART, MARY E., his wife, to A. L. DUGRAFF, of Iowa. The Register, suspecting from its appearance that the deed was a forgery, called the attention of the County Clerk and prosecuting attorney to it, and under the advice of the latter had photographed it taken. The statutory book, that is to say, the imitation was so perfect that many who were familiar with it testified to its genuineness. Mrs. BARNES had no recollection of signing such an instrument, but her handwriting had been very successfully imitated. Some time after the Register had other papers aforesaid had been sworn in the case, one of the photographs of the deed was unexpectedly discovered and produced, from which it was quite apparent that the paper produced was a different instrument. Pending the case, LITCHFIELD'S counsel published a notice in the papers as Bay City, Detroit, and Chicago, offering a reward for the formation of A. L. DUGRAFF and THOMPSON H. WILKINS, but obtained no such information. The alleged deed from WILKINS to JOHNSON was not recorded or produced until March last, when it was put in as evidence in the case. It bore the date of Oct. 22, 1861, instead of Dec. 21, as stated in the bill. JOHNSON produced several witnesses who testified to being seen both DUGRAFF and WILKINS; the former at Bay City, with STEWART, in the Summer of 1861, and the latter at the same place in the Fall of 1861, and at First in the Summer and Fall of 1864, but none of them knew whence they came or whither they had gone. In rebuttal testimony the counsel for LITCHFIELD contended was wholly unreliable to prove the existence of any such persons. The property involved was worth from $12,000 to $15,000 when the litigation commenced, but it has increased in value, and now it is estimated to be worth more than $100,000. It was this bill and cross bill that were recently decided as above stated by Judge SUTHERLAND. This case was argued Dec. 22 and 23 last by W. L. WEBBER, of Saginaw, and J. MARSHAL, of Bay City, and A. POND, of Bay City, for complainants, and by S. M. GRAY, of Bay City, and MOSES MIRICK, of Saginaw, for JOHNSON, and was decided Jan. 7, inst. The original bill was dismissed and the relief prayed for in the cross bill granted.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Jan. 8—11 A. M.—Consols opened at 93¾ for money, and 93¾ for the account. United States Five-twenties, Bonds, 1862, 87¾; 1865, Old, 87¾; 1867, 88¾; Ten-forties, 86¾. Illinois Central, 90¾; Atlantic and Great Western, 19¾; Erie Railway Shares, 17¾.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 8—11 A. M.—COTTON—The market opens quiet; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¼d. The sales of the day are estimated at 10,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—Wheat, 6s. 6d. Pound for Californian White; 6s. 1d. for No. 2 Red Western; and 6s. 2d. for Red Winter. Flour, 24s. 6d. ₱ bbl. for Western.

PARIS, Jan. 8—The Bourse opened firm. Rentes 72f. 50c.

ANTWERP, Jan. 8—Petroleum opened firm and unchanged.

LONDON, Jan. 8—1:30 P. M.—Consols closed at 93¾ for money, and 93¾ for the account. American Securities closed quiet: United States Five-twenties, 1862, 87¾; 1865, Old, 87¾; 1867, 88¾; Ten-forties, 86¾. Illinois Central, 90¾; Atlantic and Great Western, 19¾.

PARIS, Jan. 8—The Bourse closed firm. Rentes, 72f. 35c.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 8—1:30 P. M.—COTTON—The market closed quiet; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¼d. The sales of the day have been 10,000 bales, including 1,000 for export and speculation.

BREADSTUFFS—Wheat, 6s. 6d. for No. 2 Red Western.

PROVISIONS—Beef, 102s. ₱ barrel for Mess for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; 90s. ₱ barrel for New Cumberland Cut.

PRODUCE—Tallow, 44s. 6d. ₱ cwt.

PARIS, Jan. 8—5:30 P. M.—The Bourse is now firm. Rentes, 72f. 37c.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 8—United States Five-twenty Bonds opened heavy and quiet, at 91¾@91¾ for the issue of 1862.

HAVRE, Jan. 8—Cotton opened quiet both on spot and afloat.

PARIS, Jan. 8—4 P. M.—The Bourse is buoyant. Rentes, 72f. 35c.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 8—United States Five-twenty Bonds closed quiet.

HAVRE, Jan. 8—Cotton closed quiet and steady.

ANTWERP, Jan. 8—Petroleum closed firm and unchanged.

BREMEN, Jan. 8—Petroleum closed firm at 6 thalers 16 grotes.

HAMBURG, Jan. 8—Petroleum closed firm at 14 marcs banco 14 schillings.

HAVANA, Jan. 8—The following is the condition of the markets for the week ending Jan. 8: SUGAR—Stock in warehouses in Havana and Matanzas, 27,000 boxes, 9,000 hhds; exported during the week from Havana and Matanzas, 1,000 boxes and 1,300 hhds.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8—EXCHANGE scarce at 1-16 off buying, and ¼@¾ off selling. FLOUR active and firm. WHEAT—No. 1 Spring, Extra, WHEAT quiet at 82c. for No. 1, and 77¼@77½c. for No. 2; in the afternoon, No. 2 steady at 77¼c. cash, and 78½c. seller February. CORN firmer at 74@74½c. for No. 2; in the afternoon No. 2 was nominal at 70½@70¾c. OATS quiet at 40c. RYE active and steady at 64c. for No. 2. BARLEY dull at 84c. asked for No. 2. HOGS—Receipts, 1,000 head. PROVISIONS—Pork quiet and easier at $17 25, cash, and $17 37½ seller February. LARD firm and nearly 5c. higher. MEATS firm and nearly 5c. higher. BULK MEATS—Shoulders, 10c. asked; Short Ribs, 12½c. asked; Short Clear, 12½c. asked. WHISKY—Sales of 1,000 bbls. Rectified, at 91c. BOX-HOOPS—Sales of 20,000 at 7c. for Green, and 7½@7¾c. for Green and Dry. GREEN FRUIT—Sales of 1,000 bbls. Apples at $3 50 for Good to Choice. Live Hogs firm and higher at $6 75@$7 25 for Light. Cattle—$50 extra for good to extra shipping. CATTLE quiet and nearly 10c. lower. HIDES—1,000 bbls. Flour, 32,000 bushels Wheat, 18,000 bushels Corn, 32,000 bushels Oats, 4,000 bushels Rye, 1,000 bushels Barley, 4,000 bbls. Pork, 2,000 bbls. Lard, 1,000 bbls. Flour, 1,000 bbls. Whisky, 10,000 bushels Corn, 4,000 bushels Rye, 1,000 Hogs.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 8—FLOUR dull and unchanged. WHEAT quiet and steady at $1 10@$1 15 for White for Fall, and $1 05@$1 10 for Red. CORN quiet at 80c. for No. 2, and 80½c. for No. 1; receipts light. OATS firmer and 1c. good demand at 48c. bid, for strictly sound samples. Mixed Rye. DARK dull and no demand; prices nominally unchanged. BARLEY inactive and nominal; Fall at $1 10@$1 20. COTTON—Middling, 24c. GROCERIES—Coffee, 20½@22½c. WHISKY lower at 90c. bid, without sales. PROVISIONS quiet and firmer. MESS PORK sold at $27 25. Lard and Bulk Meats firm; Shoulders, 11½c. Clear Rib Sides, 14½c. Hams, 15c. for fully cured and pickled. BACON—We demand 12c. for Shoulders, 16c. for Clear Rib, 16½c. for Clear Sides, packed. Packed Hams, 15½@16c. LARD—14½c. for Kettle; Prime Steam, 13½@13¾c. Green MEAT Spring; offerings light; sales at 10c.@10½c. for Shoulders, 12c.@12½c. for Sides, 14c.@15c. for Hams. BUTTER at our buying, 1.5c ₱ cent. premium selling.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8—TOBACCO quiet and unchanged. COTTON nominally lower. FLOUR dull; Superfine, $3 10@$3 25; Extra, $3 40@$3 50; Double Extra, $4 20@$4 40. WHEAT dull; No. 2 Red Fall, in the elevator, $1 04@$1 05; No. 3 Red, $1 01@$1 02; Rejected, 90c.@$1 00. CORN lower; No. 2 Mixed, 64c. OATS lower; No. 2 Mixed, 40c. RYE dull at 65c. WHISKY dull at 90c. PROVISIONS—Pork dull; Jobbing, $28 00. Bulk Meats—Shoulders, 10c.; Clear Rib, 14c.; Clear Sides, 15c. BACON dull; Shoulders, 11c.; Clear Rib, 14c.; Clear Sides, 15c. LARD, 14c. HAY—Prime, $27 50. Most PORK, $25. Other articles unchanged. Business dull. GOLD, 12¼. Sterling EXCHANGE, 10½@10¾c. Sight, ¼@¾ off.

GALVESTON, Jan. 8—COTTON—Receipts, 3,193 bales; exports to Liverpool, 2,980 bales; New-York, 1,530 bales; New-Orleans, 26 bales; Philadelphia, 775 bales; stock on hand, 4,598 bales; market dull; good Ordinary, 16½c.; sales 1,000 bales.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 8—COTTON quiet at 24½c. for Middling; receipts, 1,577 bales; shipments, 1,311 bales. FLOUR—Superfine, $8. CORN, 80c.@90c. OATS, 45c. LARD, 12c.@12½c. BULK SHOULDERS nominal at 12c. SIDES, 15½c.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 8—Spirits TURPENTINE firmer at 46c. ROSIN steady; strained, $1 60. Crude TURPENTINE unchanged. TAR, $1 65. COTTON steady; Middling, 23½c. GOOD.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 8—COTTON—Receipts, 1,068 bales; exports, coastwise, 254 bales; sales 25 bales; market unchanged and offering Low Middling at 23½c. @23½c.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 8—WHEAT dull and nominally lower. CORN declining; Old and No. 2 Mixed, 55c. OATS heavy; No. 1 White held at 40c. RYE dull and nominal. BARLEY dull and nominal.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 8—COTTON quiet and steady; sales, 250 bales Middling, 24½c. Receipts, 425 bales; exports to the Continent, 245 bales; coastwise, 1,514 bales.

BUFFALO, Jan. 8—Nothing doing in FLOUR, GRAIN, PORK, LARD, and HOGSWINE, except retail on previous quotations.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 8—COTTON—Receipts, 2,235 bales; exports, 4,151 bales; sales 700 bales; Middlings at 24½c.; market easier.

MOBILE, Jan. 8—COTTON in good demand; receipts, 1,436 bales; sales,